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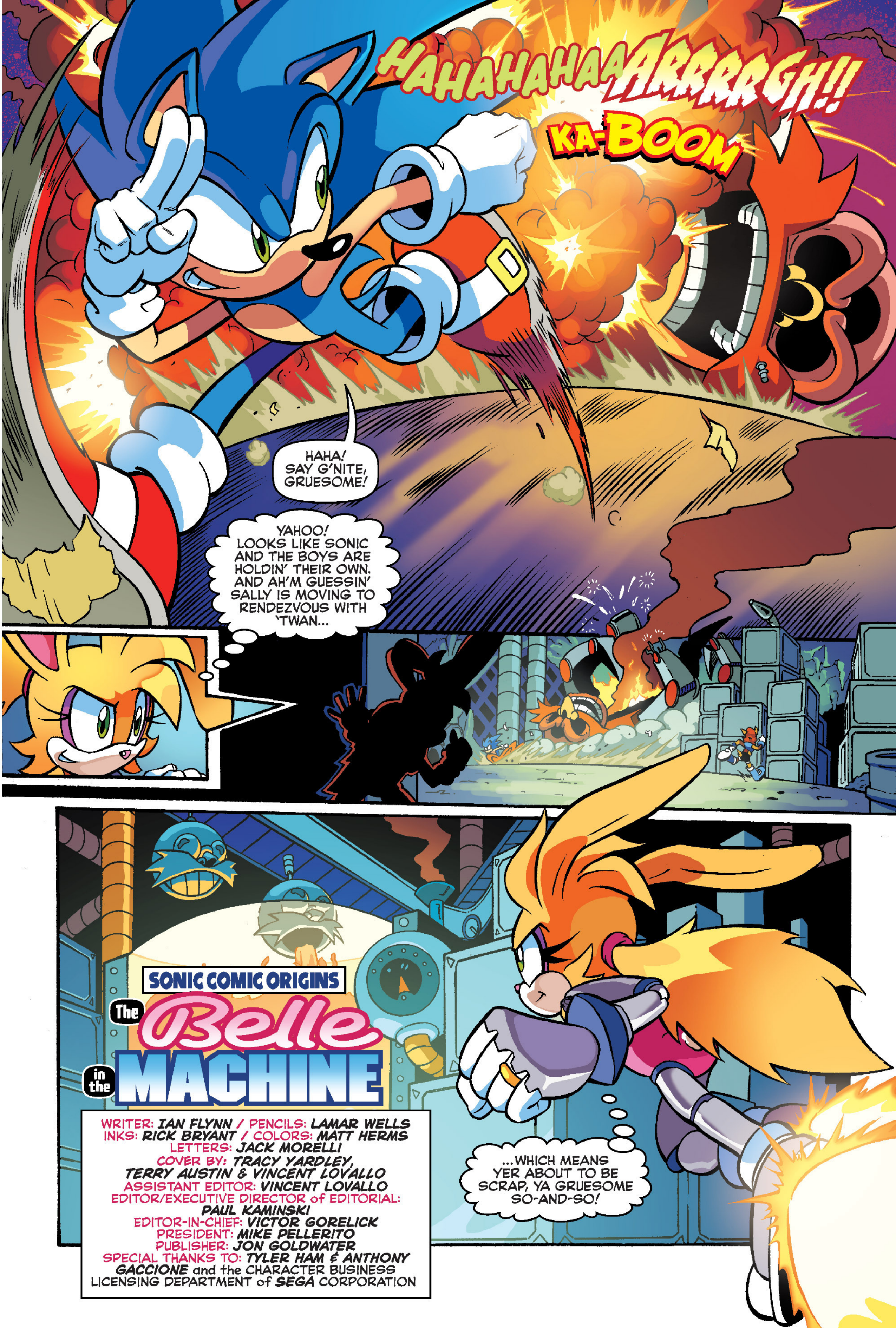
HAHAHAHAAARRRRGH!!
KA-BOOM
HAHA! SAY G'NITE, GRUESOME!
YAHOO! LOOKS LIKE SONIC AND THE BOYS ARE HOLDIN' THEIR OWN. AND AH'M GUESSIN' SALLY IS MOVING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH 'TWAN...
...WHICH MEANS YER ABOUT TO BE SCRAP, YA GRUESOME SO-AND-SO!

SONIC COMIC ORIGINS

The Belle in the MACHINE

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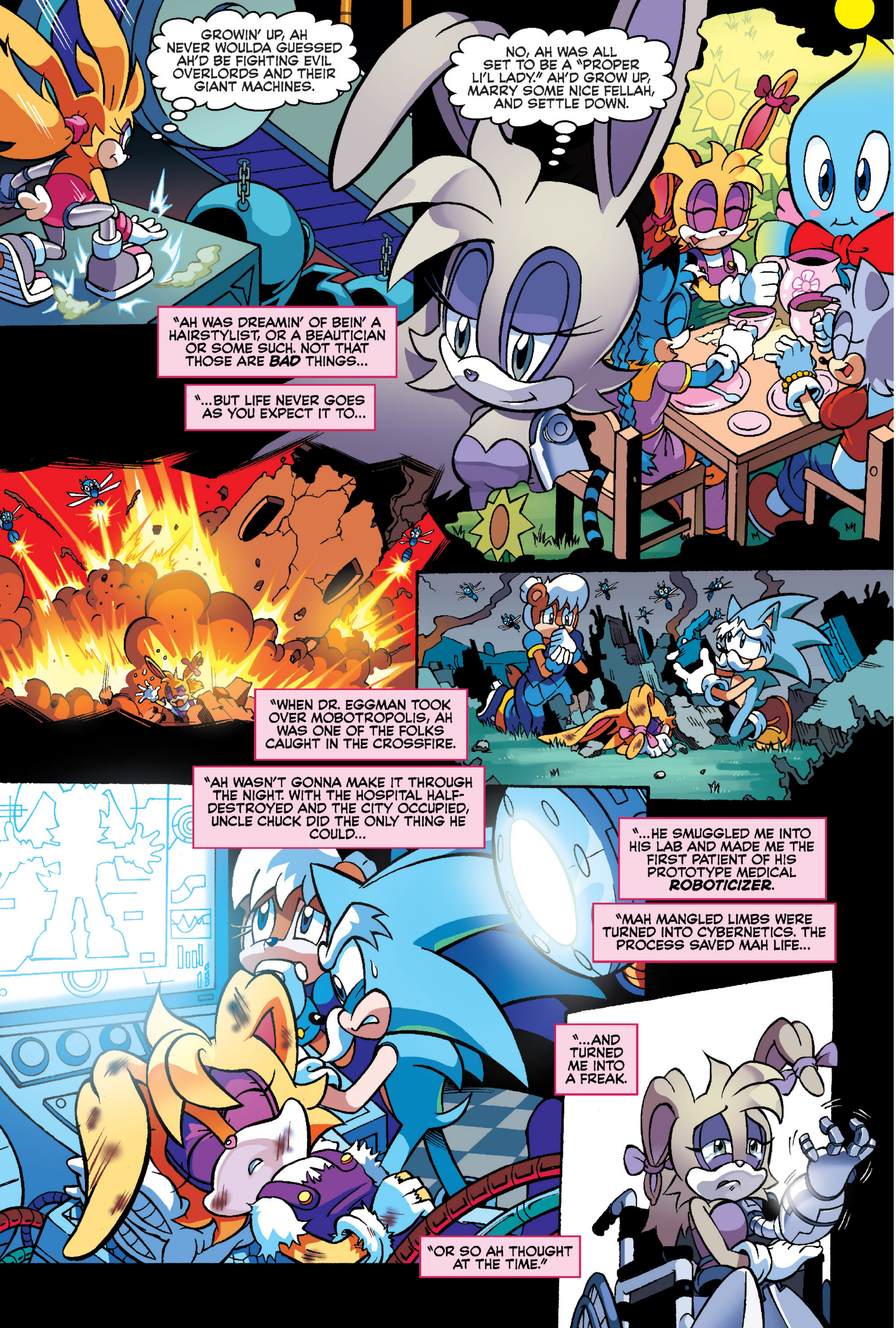
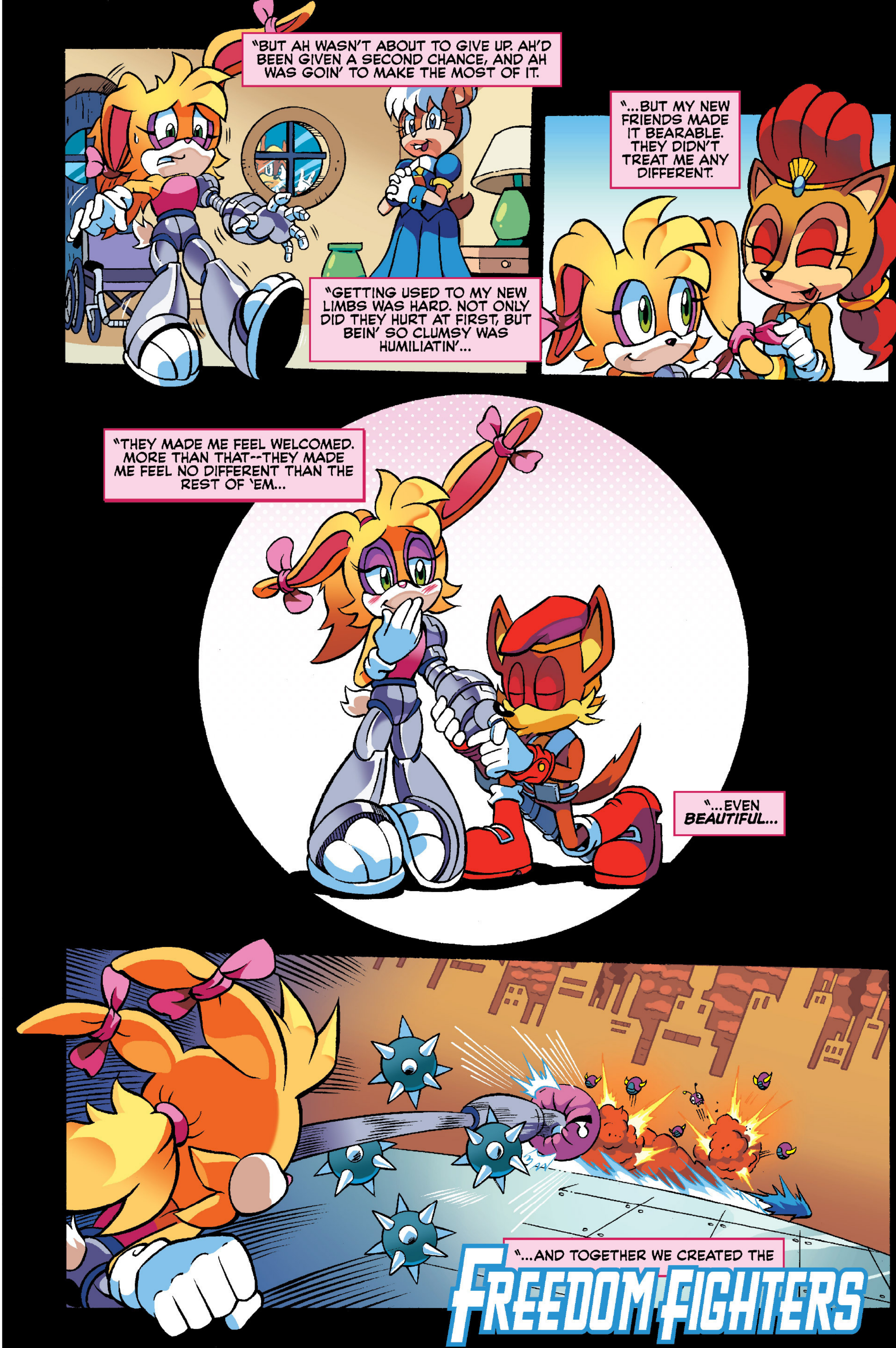
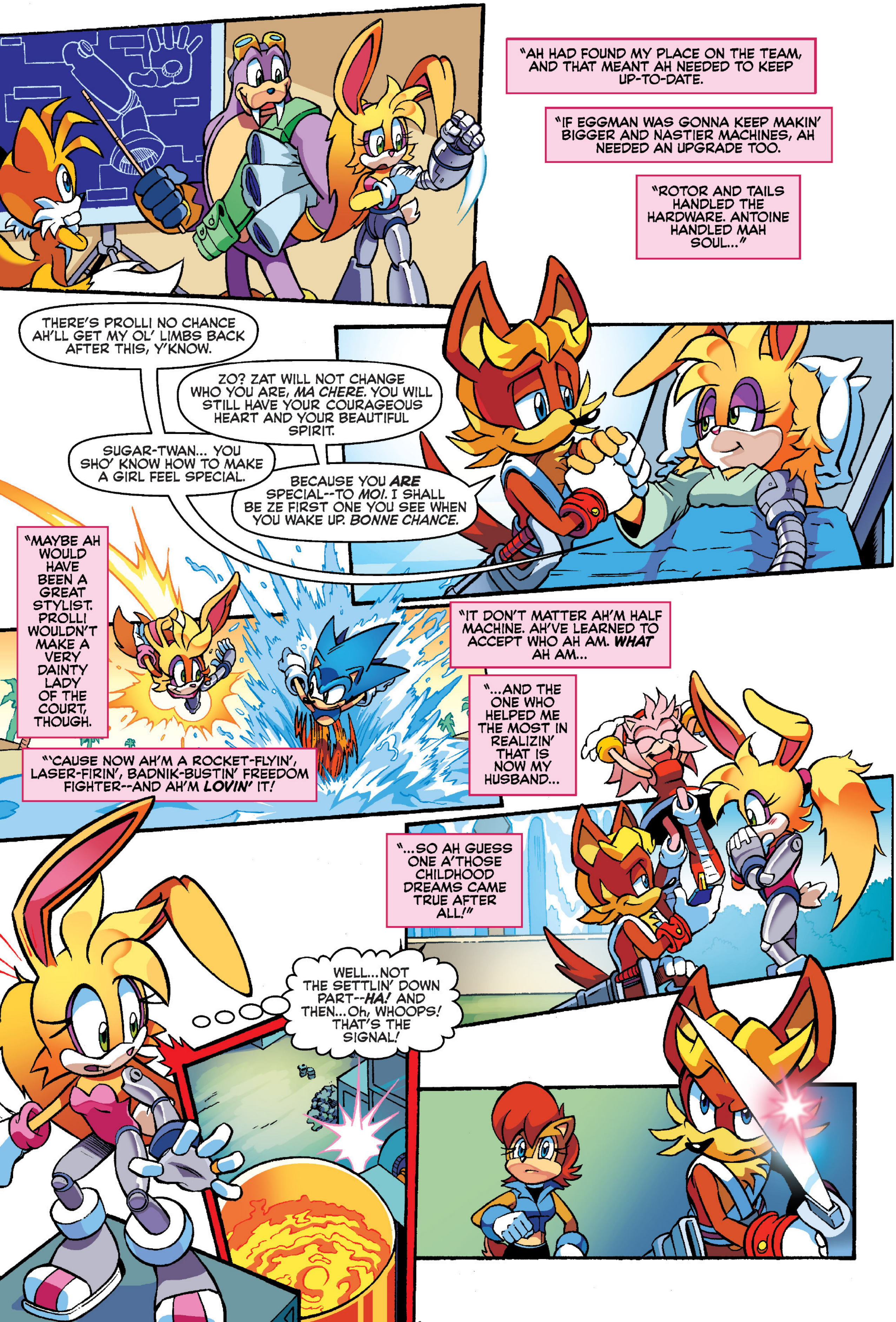
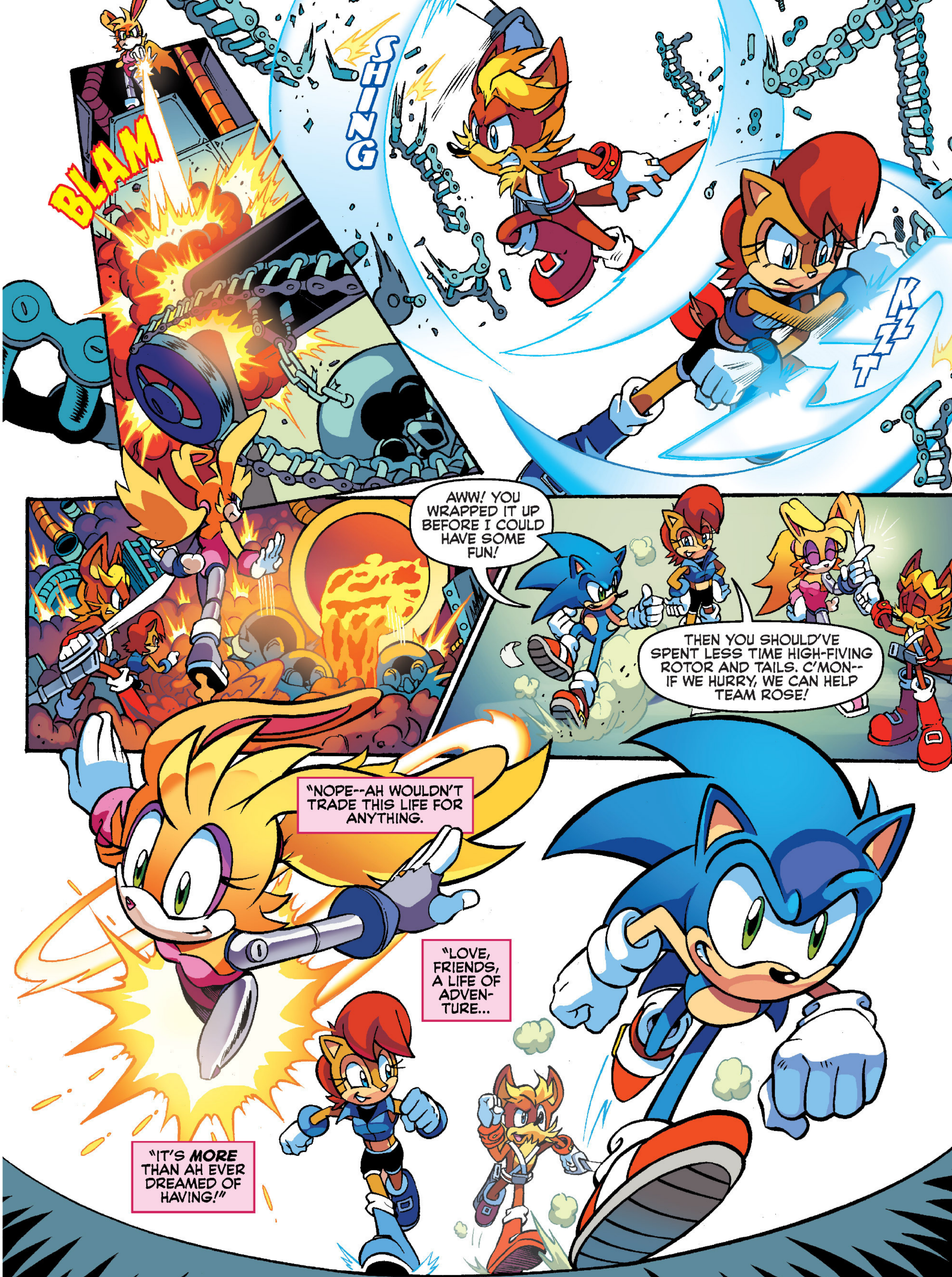

GROWIN' UP, AH NEVER WOULDA GUESSED AH'D BE FIGHTING EVIL OVERLORDS AND THEIR GIANT MACHINES.
NO, AH WAS ALL SET TO BE A "PROPER LI'L LADY." AH'D GROW UP, MARRY SOME NICE FELLAH, AND SETTLE DOWN.
"AH WAS DREAMIN' OF BEIN' A HAIRSTYLIST, OR A BEAUTICIAN OR SOME SUCH. NOT THAT THOSE ARE ***BAD*** THINGS...
"...BUT LIFE NEVER GOES AS YOU EXPECT IT TO...
"WHEN DR. EGGMAN TOOK OVER MOBOTROPOLIS, AH WAS ONE OF THE FOLKS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE.
"AH WASN'T GONNA MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT. WITH THE HOSPITAL HALF-DESTROYED AND THE CITY OCCUPIED, UNCLE CHUCK DID THE ONLY THING HE COULD...
"...HE SMUGGLED ME INTO HIS LAB AND MADE ME THE FIRST PATIENT OF HIS PROTOTYPE MEDICAL ***ROBOTICIZER***.
"MAH MANGLED LIMBS WERE TURNED INTO CYBERNETICS. THE PROCESS SAVED MAH LIFE...
"...AND TURNED ME INTO A FREAK.
"OR SO AH THOUGHT AT THE TIME."


"BUT AH WASN'T ABOUT TO GIVE UP. AH'D BEEN GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE, AND AH WAS GOIN' TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.
"GETTING USED TO MY NEW LIMBS WAS HARD. NOT ONLY DID THEY HURT AT FIRST, BUT BEIN' SO CLUMSY WAS HUMILIATIN'...
"...BUT MY NEW FRIENDS MADE IT BEARABLE. THEY DIDN'T TREAT ME ANY DIFFERENT.
"THEY MADE ME FEEL WELCOMED. MORE THAN THAT--THEY MADE ME FEEL NO DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF 'EM...
"...EVEN *BEAUTIFUL*...
"...AND TOGETHER WE CREATED THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS


"AH HAD FOUND MY PLACE ON THE TEAM, AND THAT MEANT AH NEEDED TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE.
"IF EGGMAN WAS GONNA KEEP MAKIN' BIGGER AND NASTIER MACHINES, AH NEEDED AN UPGRADE TOO.
"ROTOR AND TAILS HANDLED THE HARDWARE. ANTOINE HANDLED MAH SOUL..."
THERE'S PROLLI NO CHANCE AH'LL GET MY OL' LIMBS BACK AFTER THIS, Y'KNOW.
ZO? ZAT WILL NOT CHANGE WHO YOU ARE, *MA CHERE*. YOU WILL STILL HAVE YOUR COURAGEOUS HEART AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT.
SUGAR-TWAN... YOU SHO' KNOW HOW TO MAKE A GIRL FEEL SPECIAL.
BECAUSE YOU ***ARE*** SPECIAL--TO *MOI*. I SHALL BE ZE FIRST ONE YOU SEE WHEN YOU WAKE UP. *BONNE CHANCE*.
"MAYBE AH WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT STYLIST. PROLLI WOULDN'T MAKE A VERY DAINTY LADY OF THE COURT, THOUGH.
"'CAUSE NOW AH'M A ROCKET-FLYIN', LASER-FIRIN', BADNIK-BUSTIN' FREEDOM FIGHTER--AND AH'M ***LOVIN'*** IT!
"IT DON'T MATTER AH'M HALF MACHINE. AH'VE LEARNED TO ACCEPT WHO AH AM. ***WHAT*** AH AM...
"...AND THE ONE WHO HELPED ME THE MOST IN REALIZIN' THAT IS NOW MY HUSBAND...
"...SO AH GUESS ONE A'THOSE CHILDHOOD DREAMS CAME TRUE AFTER ALL!"
WELL...NOT THE SETTLIN' DOWN PART--*HA!* AND THEN...Oh, WHOOPS! THAT'S THE SIGNAL!


BLAM
SHING
KZZT
AWW! YOU WRAPPED IT UP BEFORE I COULD HAVE SOME FUN!
THEN YOU SHOULD'VE SPENT LESS TIME HIGH-FIVING ROTOR AND TAILS. C'MON-- IF WE HURRY, WE CAN HELP TEAM ROSE!
"NOPE--AH WOULDN'T TRADE THIS LIFE FOR ANYTHING.
"LOVE, FRIENDS, A LIFE OF ADVENTURE...
"IT'S *MORE* THAN AH EVER DREAMED OF HAVING!"

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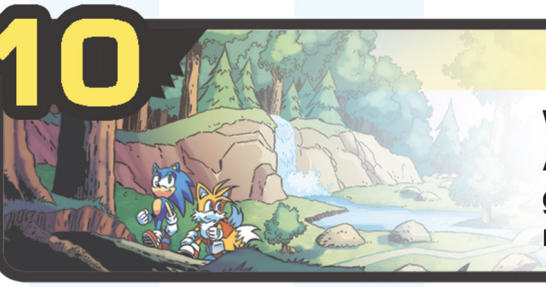
OUR TOP 10 FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT THE NEW SONIC COMIC UNIVERSE

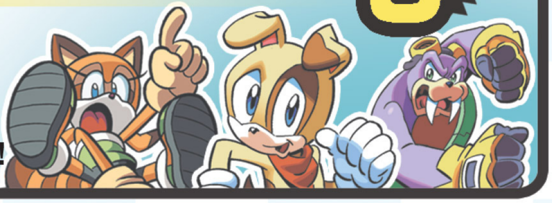
10 NEW ZONES



With the new world comes new geography! All of the zones you've come to love from the games are back to be explored! But what new regions are waiting to be discovered?

9 NEW ALLIES

What's old is new again! Familiar faces return in bold new ways (like the all new, all different Muttski!) There are new heroes waiting to be found, and old friends waiting to be rediscovered!



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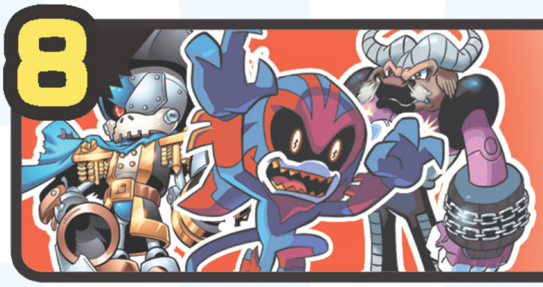
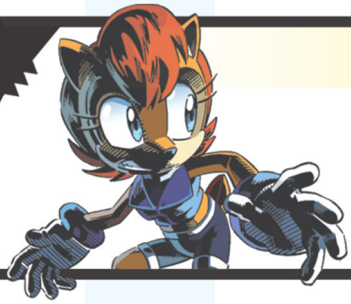


Dr. Eggman is still around, but he's backed up by a threatening new Egg Army! Who are these new Egg Bosses? And what terrifying new badniks are about to be unleashed?!

7 TWO WORLDS – TWO MEMORIES

All of Sonic's past adventures have led us to this moment! How will past and present entwine to change the future? Read the Sonic Comic Origins to find out!

6 SALLY'S RETURN



The leader of the band is back – and no longer a robot! Is it our same ol' Sal, or is there something more to her?

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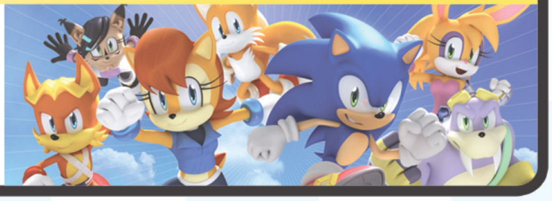
THE TEAM – REUNITED

The Freedom Fighters were torn apart before “When Worlds Collide.” It’s time they got back to where they’re supposed to be – together as a team!



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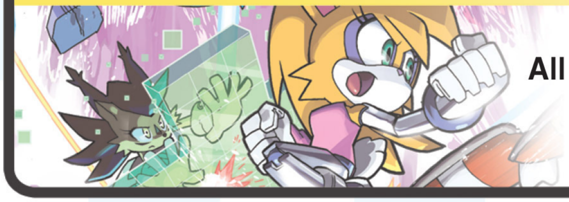

All your favorite Freedom Fighters are back, now looking like they’re straight from the games! Who else will get the updated treatment?

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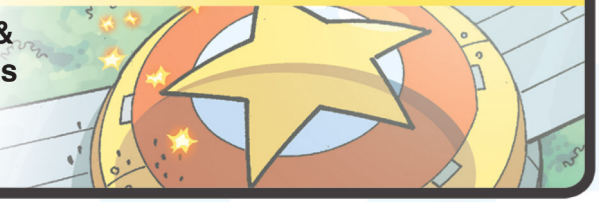
SKY PATROL

Goodbye, Freedom HQ – now Sonic & Co. are flying in style! The Sky Patrol gets our heroes to where the action is, and is ready to face down the Death Egg!



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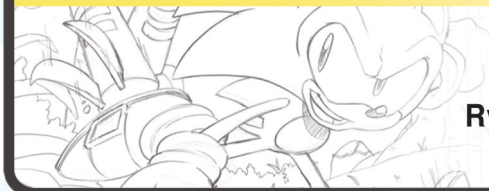

Fresh talent from both professional and fan circles comes to the book! Tyson Hesse, Ryan Jampole, Jennifer Hernandez and Diana Skelly bring Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to life!

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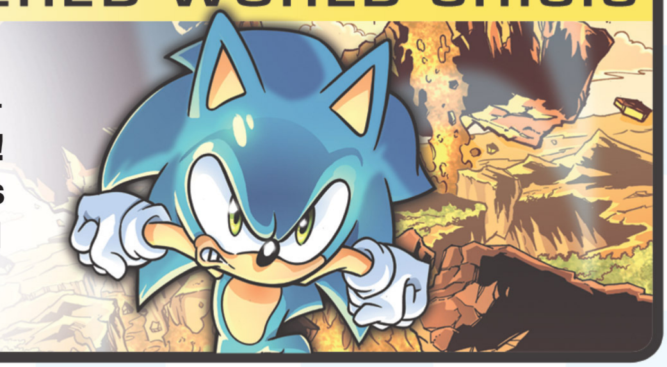
THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS

The worlds collided – now Sonic’s world is cracking! It’s a jaw-dropping event that’s going to need everyone to pull together to save the planet!



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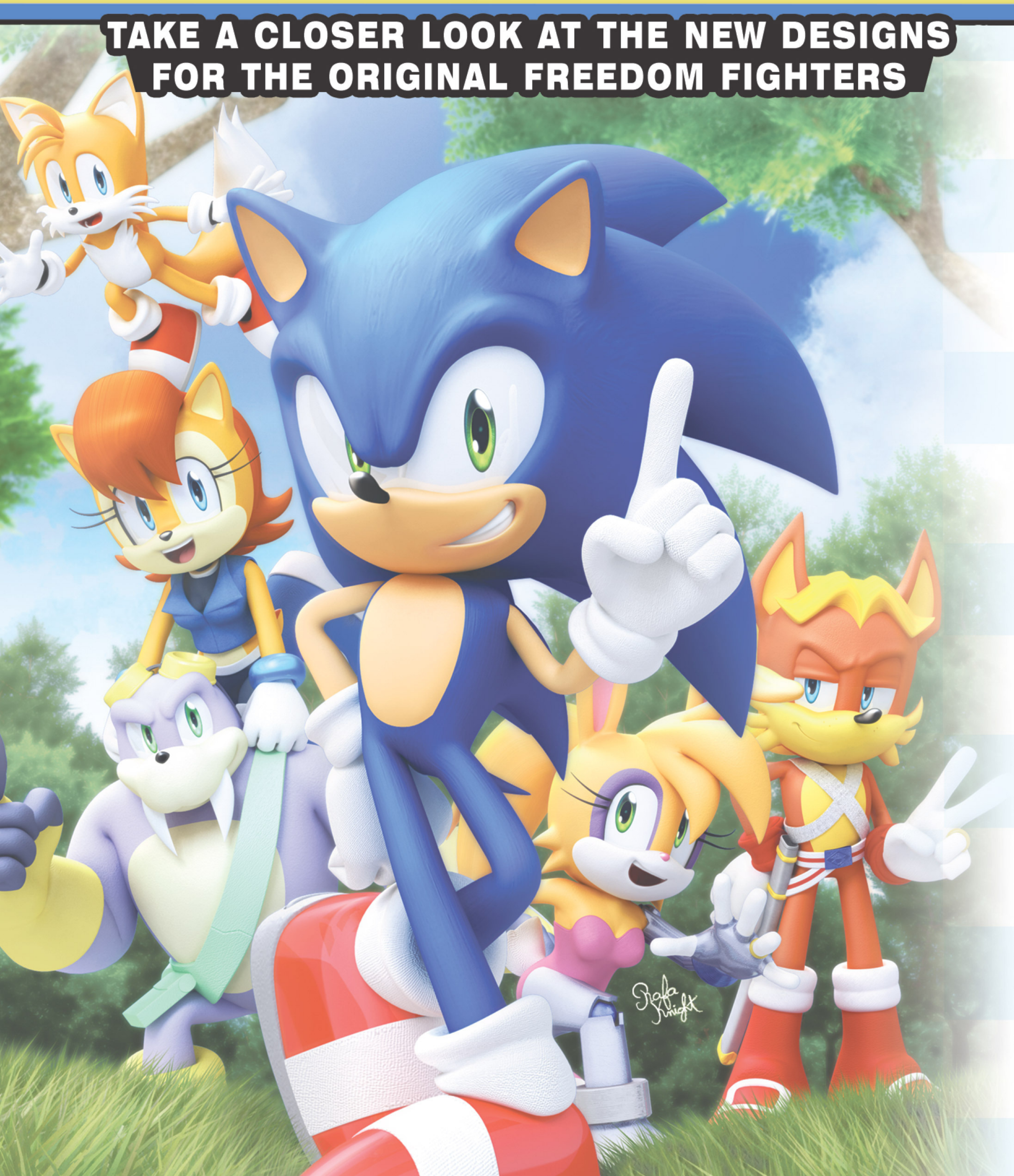
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NEW DESIGNS FOR THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS


Rafa Knight

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SALLY ACORN

The tomboy princess is ready to hit the ground running in her new, sporty look! The classic red hair and blue boots are there, but updated for the modern age! She also sports a proper chipmunk stripe down her back. But what's the secret weapon hidden in her gloves?

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE

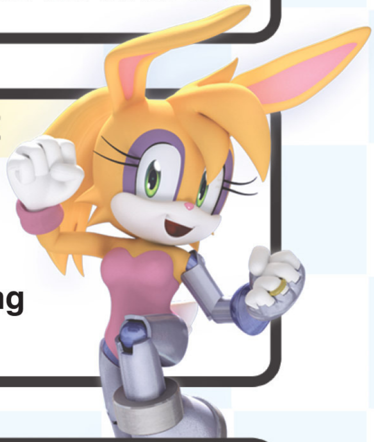
Antoine's swapped uniforms from the old jacket to the new, sleeker standard of the Kingdom of Acorn. With no more toupée to worry about, he can leap and spin without distraction! But don't you worry – he's still got his elegant blade and swordsmanship!

ROTOR THE WALRUS

Rotor's always been a big guy, but now he's traded in his paunch for pecs! As the team's battling mechanic, he can get into the fray with the best of them, fixing (or wrecking!) machines with his omni-tool.

BUNNIE "RABBOT" D'COOLETTE

The southern belle is half-roboticized once more! A lot of her arsenal remains – the rocket feet, the shield generator and the laser blaster. But do they still run off her life-force? Does using them still put her in danger?



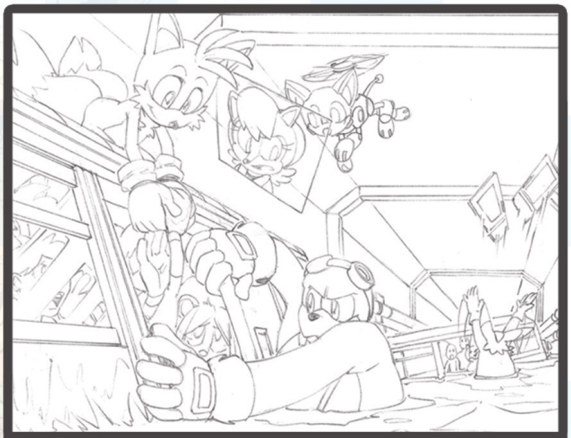
NICOLE THE HOLO-LYNX

Everyone's favorite computer has received an upgrade! Now with a ring acting as a temporary battery, Nicole can move freely in her holographic form! What new tricks does she have up her virtual sleeve?

THE PLANET-SIZED JIGSAW PUZZLE!

The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! Whole continents now fly in the sky with the entire planetary mantel exposed! What dark power is keeping the world's pieces afloat? What can be done to set things right? All that and more is part of Sonic's next adventure!

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters went through terrible trauma as their memories of the old reality were restored. But there's no time for them to recover – the world needs heroes!



The reunited Freedom Fighters assemble to save Station Square in Sonic the Hedgehog issue 257, featuring pencils by Evan Stanley!

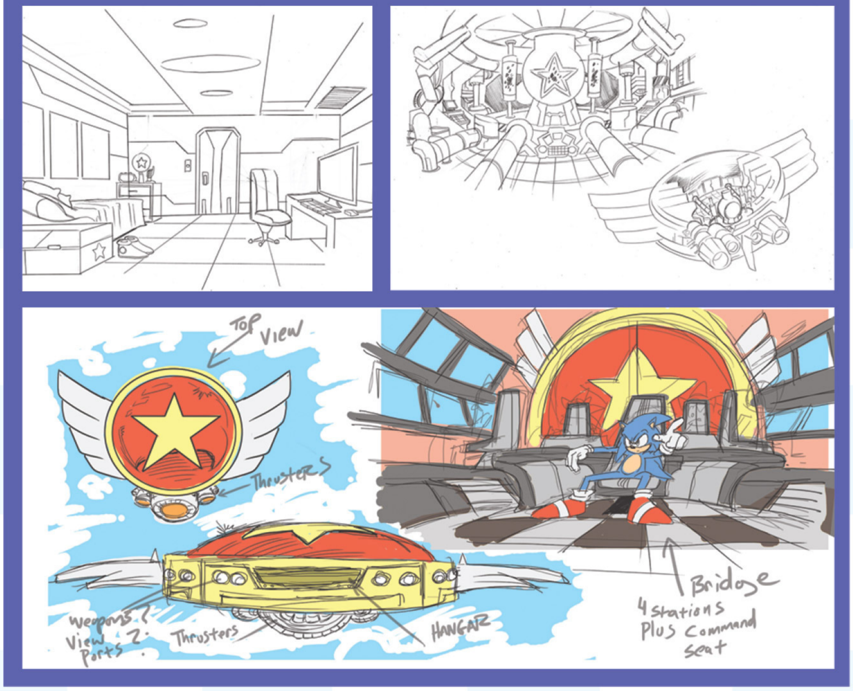
The Freedom Fighters' base, the Sky Patrol!

Their first stop is the city of Station Square in "Damage Control" (coming up soon in this very digest!) as they react to the crisis in its zero hour!
Once things settle down, it becomes a matter of action instead of reaction. How do they fix the planet? Professor Pickle and Uncle Chuck might be on the right track to a solution – which is why Dr. Eggman kidnaps them! It's a race against time as Sonic and the Freedom Fighters rush to the professors' rescue in "The Chase," available now for digital download in Sonic the Hedgehog #258-259.

And how will our heroes do all this?
It was hard enough to travel the world when it was one piece! The answer: the Sky Patrol! This flying fortress has everything the Freedom Fighters need: places to sleep, places to train, a launch base for all their flying crafts, and a way to navigate the unfriendly skies of the ruined planet.

The "Countdown to Chaos" is over – now the chaos is upon us! Don't miss this chance to join Sonic on his greatest adventure yet from the very beginning! ■

Sky Patrol interior and exterior concept sketches by Tracy Yardley and Jerry Gaylord!

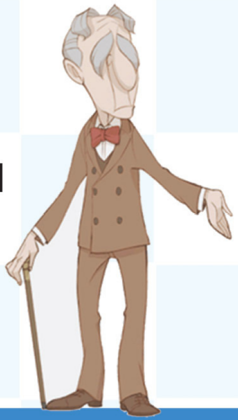


GAIA TEMPLE TACTICS

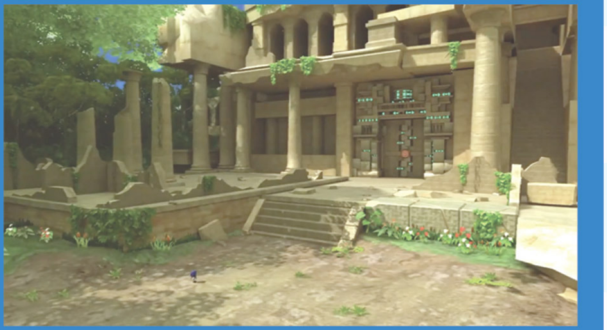
With the world in pieces it's up to Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to band together and make things right! Thanks to Professor Pickle our heroes have an idea of what they need to do. Unfortunately, so does Dr. Eggman!

Hidden throughout the world are the seven Gaia Temples – ancient constructs meant to help restore the world. To power all seven temples you need the energies of the seven Chaos Emeralds. So now the hunt is on for emeralds and temples!

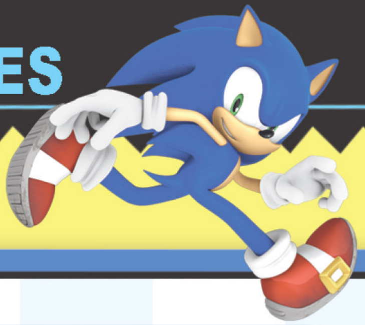
But it won't be easy. Tracking down the Chaos Emeralds isn't a simple job, and that's when the world is in one piece! And it will only get harder as Dr. Eggman brings all of his resources to find the emeralds and temples first!

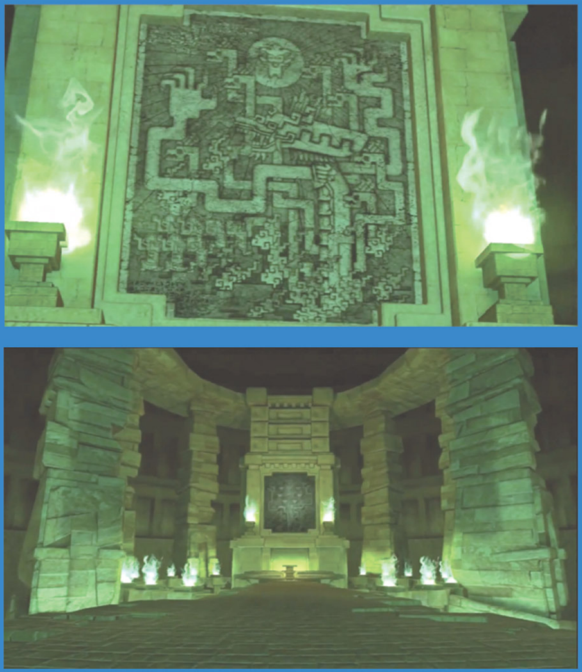


Professor Pickle may hold the key to the planet's survival!



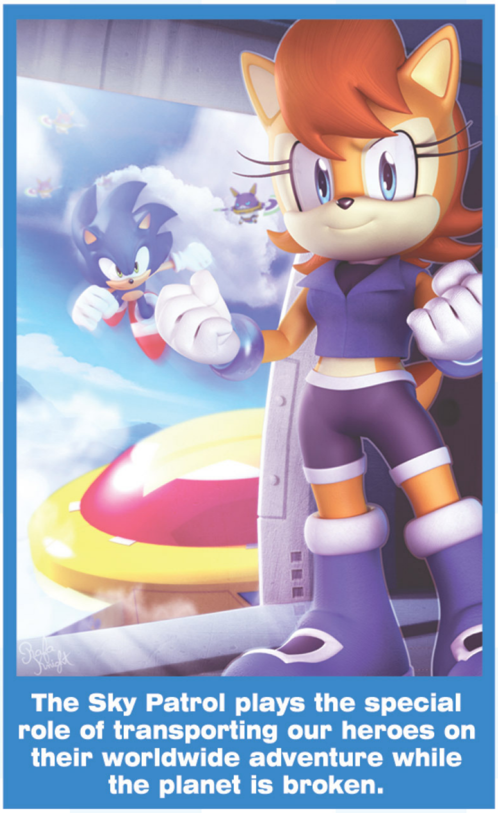
Gaia Temples are ancient and sacred structures. Depicted here is a temple entrance as seen from the 2008 video game "Sonic Unleashed"!





In order to restore the planet back to its normal state, Sonic must collect the Chaos Emeralds and bring them to the seven Gaia Temples located all around his world. That's some road trip!

Only the power of the Chaos Emeralds is strong enough to bring the pieces of the broken world back to their original state.



The Sky Patrol plays the special role of transporting our heroes on their worldwide adventure while the planet is broken.

Sonic will be facing all new Egg Bosses and Badnik Horde Commanders in his most grueling adventure yet!

Thanks to the Sky Patrol, the Freedom Fighters are free to explore every nook and cranny of the fractured planet. Teams will be scrambled, with Sonic collaborating with each of his friends in all new adventures! Join the hunt with "Waves of Change" and "The Light in the Dark" starting in Sonic the Hedgehog #260! Available now for digital download ■

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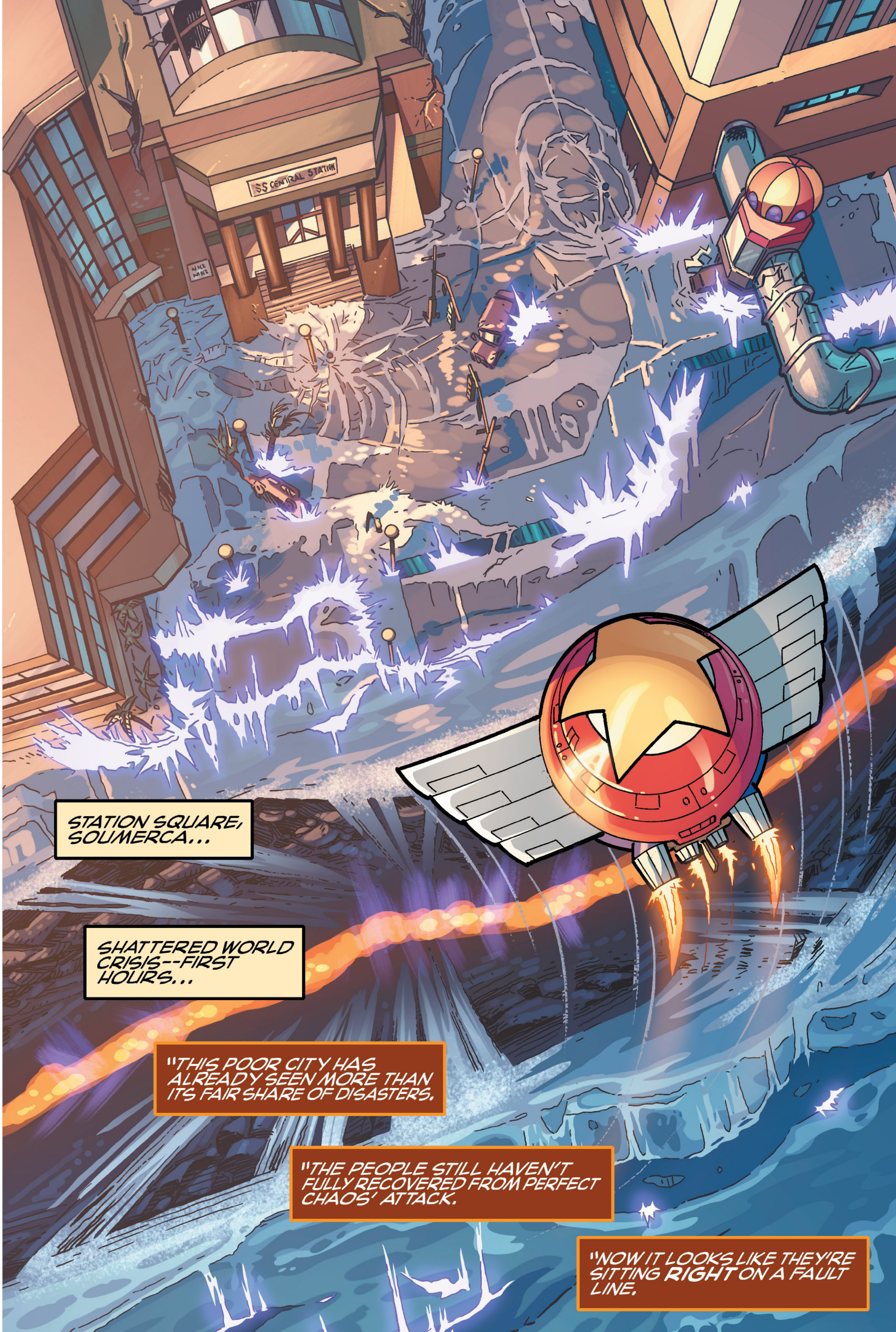
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STATION SQUARE, SOUMERCA...
SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS--FIRST HOURS...
"THIS POOR CITY HAS ALREADY SEEN MORE THAN ITS FAIR SHARE OF DISASTERS.
"THE PEOPLE STILL HAVEN'T FULLY RECOVERED FROM PERFECT CHAOS' ATTACK.
"NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SITTING **RIGHT** ON A FAULT LINE.

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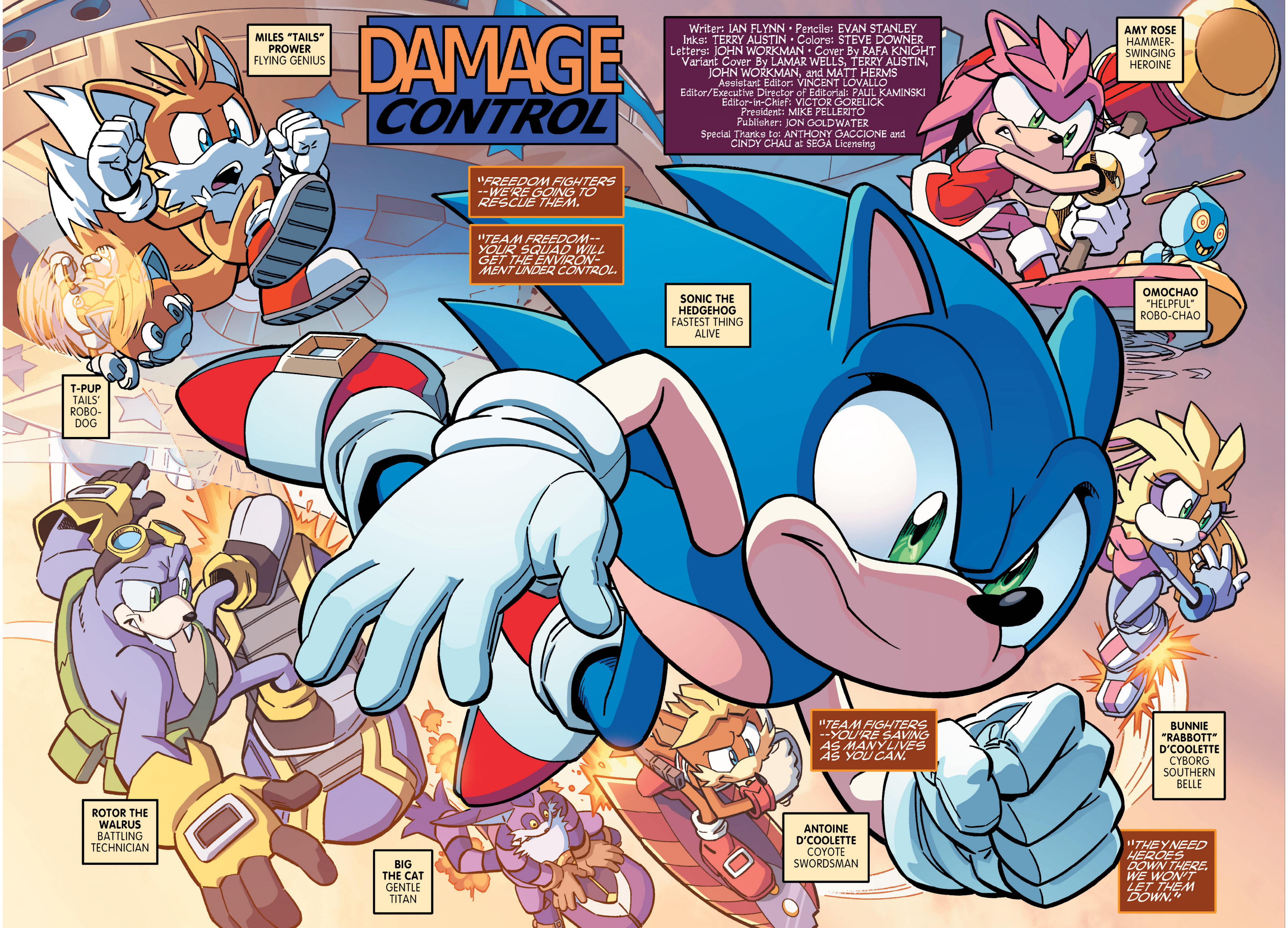
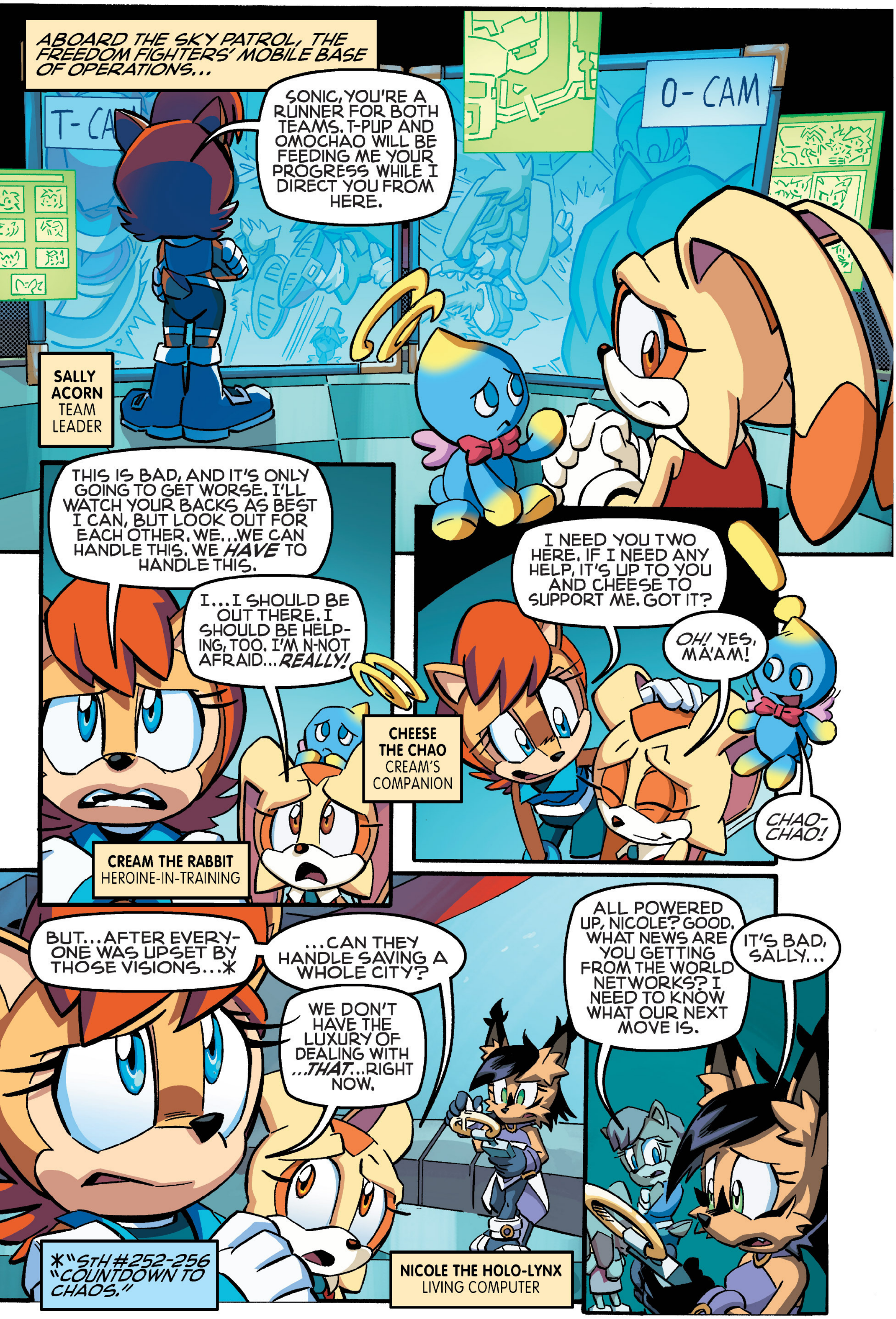
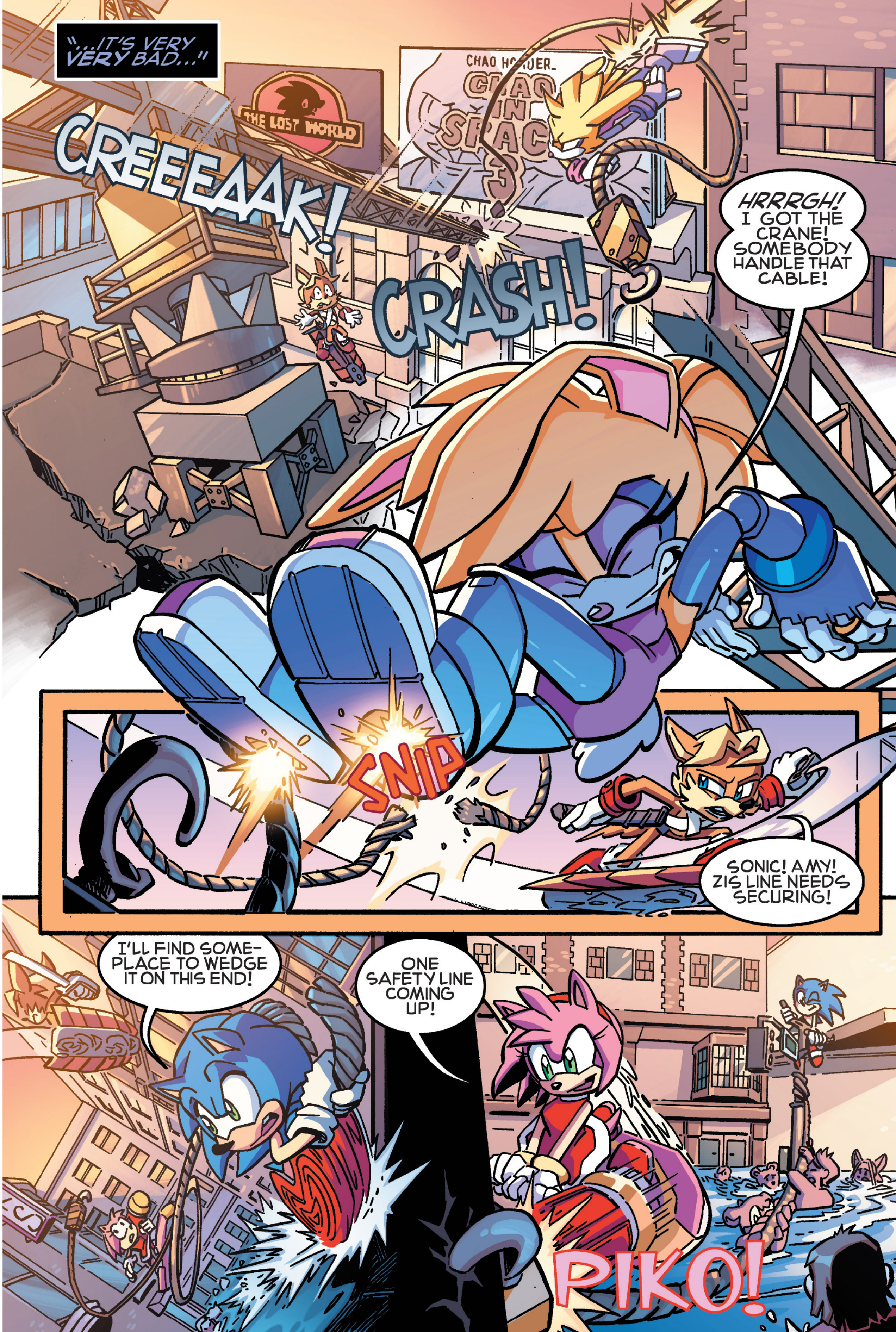
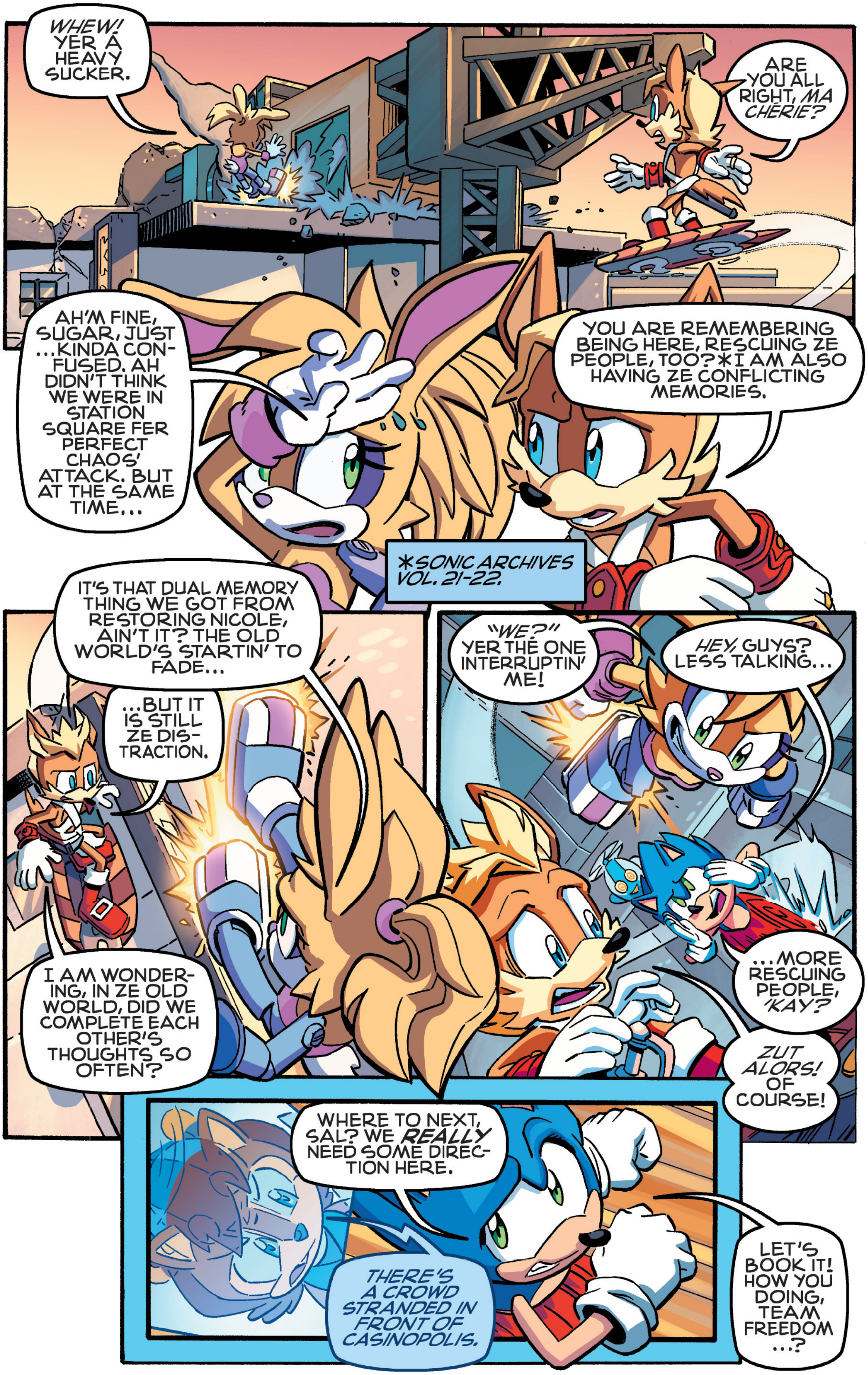
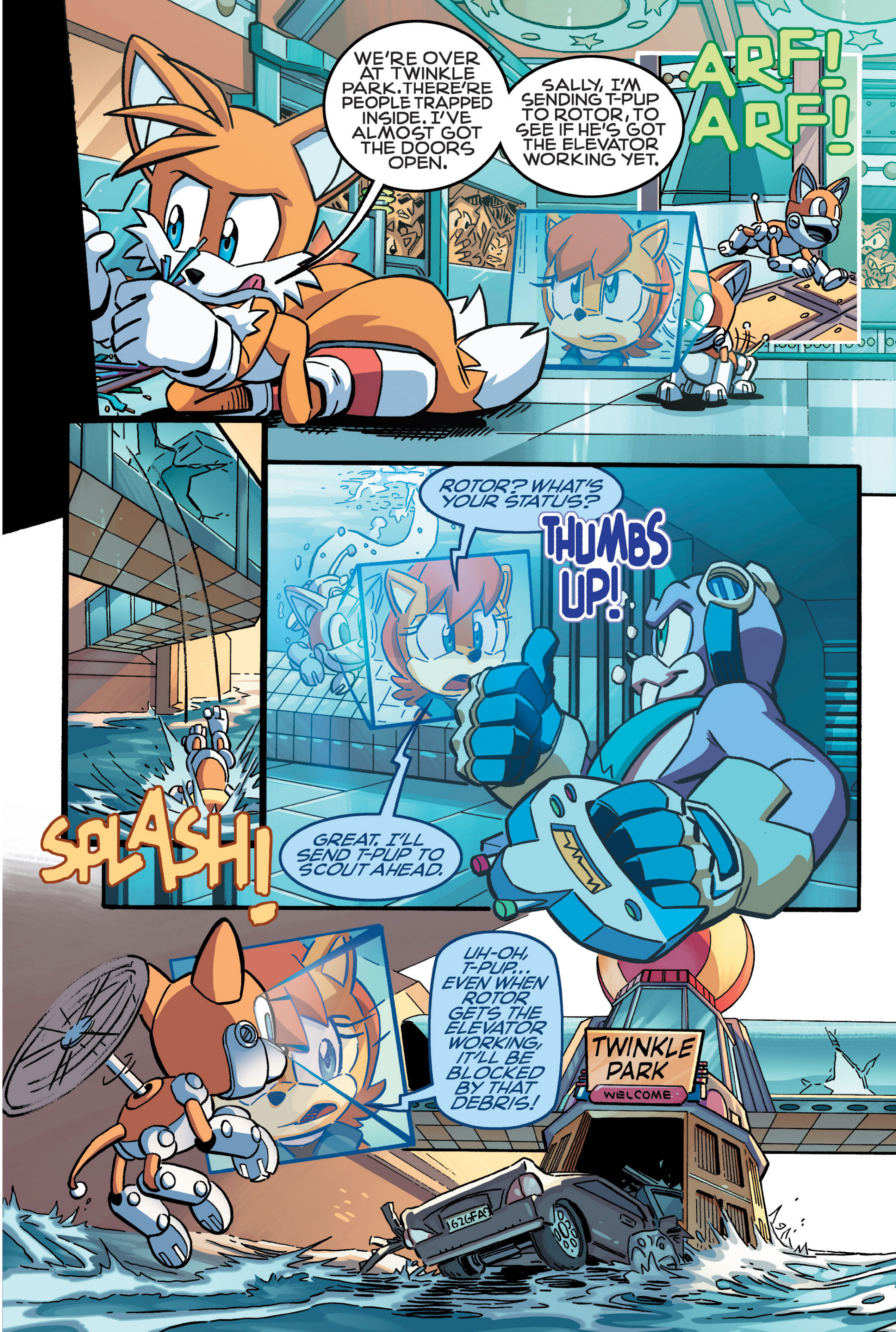
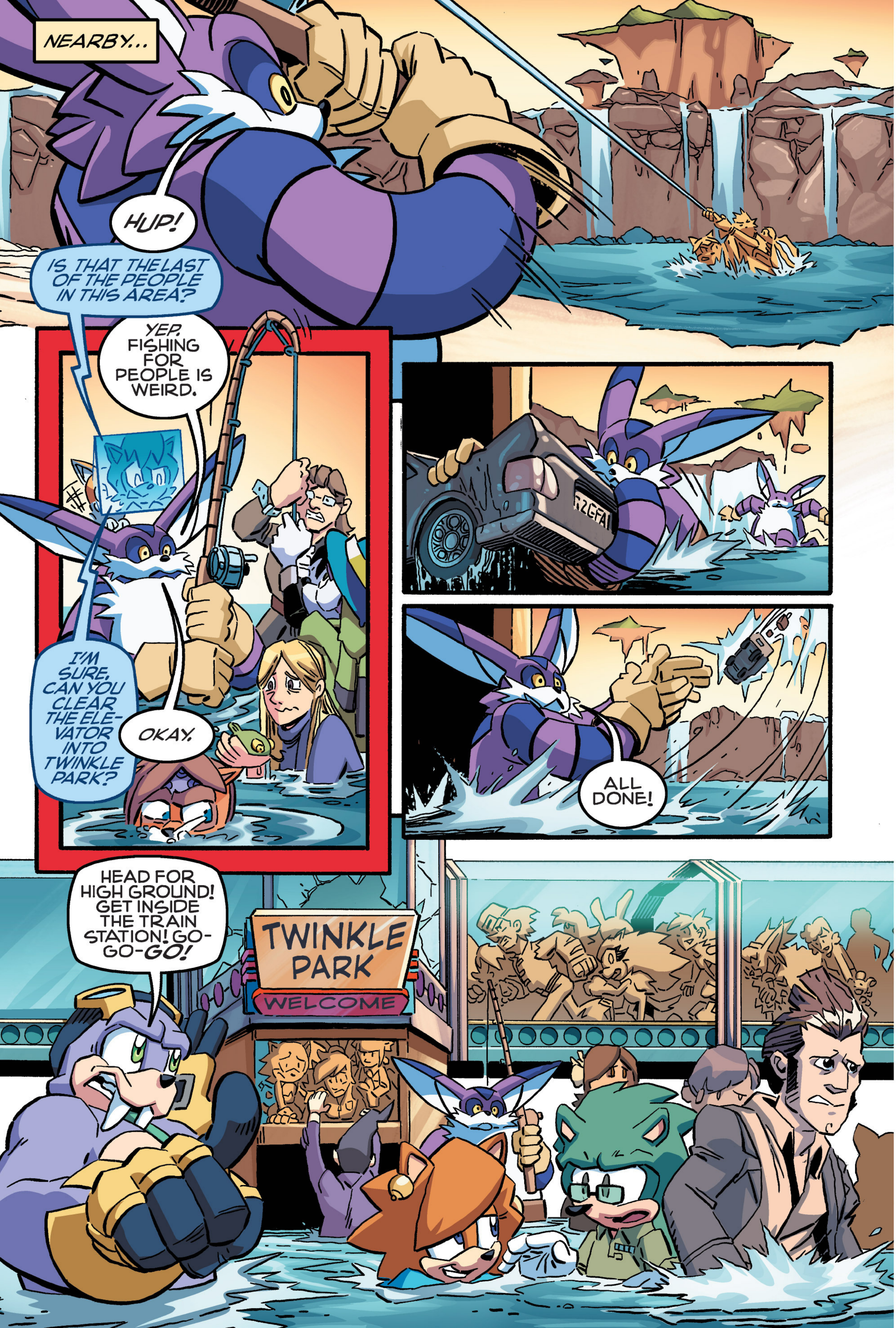

MILES "TAILS" PROWER FLYING GENIUS
"FREEDOM FIGHTERS--WE'RE GOING TO RESCUE THEM.
"TEAM FREEDOM--YOUR SQUAD WILL GET THE ENVIRONMENT UNDER CONTROL.
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FASTEST THING ALIVE
AMY ROSE HAMMER-SWINGING HEROINE
OMOCHAO "HELPFUL" ROBO-CHAO
T-PUP TAILS' ROBO-DOG
ROTOR THE WALRUS BATTLING TECHNICIAN
BIG THE CAT GENTLE TITAN
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE COYOTE SWORDSMAN
"TEAM FIGHTERS--YOU'RE SAVING AS MANY LIVES AS YOU CAN.
BUNNIE "RABBOTT" D'COOLETTE CYBORG SOUTHERN BELLE
"THEY NEED HEROES DOWN THERE. WE WON'T LET THEM DOWN."


ABOARD THE SKY PATROL, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' MOBILE BASE OF OPERATIONS...
T-CA
O-CAM
SONIC, YOU'RE A RUNNER FOR BOTH TEAMS. T-PUP AND OMOCHAO WILL BE FEEDING ME YOUR PROGRESS WHILE I DIRECT YOU FROM HERE.
SALLY ACORN TEAM LEADER
THIS IS BAD, AND IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE. I'LL WATCH YOUR BACKS AS BEST I CAN, BUT LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER. WE...WE CAN HANDLE THIS. WE *HAVE* TO HANDLE THIS.
I...I SHOULD BE OUT THERE. I SHOULD BE HELPING, TOO. I'M N-NOT AFRAID...*REALLY!*
CHEESE THE CHAO CREAM'S COMPANION
CREAM THE RABBIT HEROINE-IN-TRAINING
I NEED YOU TWO HERE. IF I NEED ANY HELP, IT'S UP TO YOU AND CHEESE TO SUPPORT ME. GOT IT?
OH! YES, MA'AM!
CHAO-CHAO!
BUT...AFTER EVERYONE WAS UPSET BY THOSE VISIONS...*
...CAN THEY HANDLE SAVING A WHOLE CITY?
WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF DEALING WITH ...*THAT*...RIGHT NOW.
ALL POWERED UP, NICOLE? GOOD. WHAT NEWS ARE YOU GETTING FROM THE WORLD NETWORKS? I NEED TO KNOW WHAT OUR NEXT MOVE IS.
IT'S BAD, SALLY...
*"STH #252-256 "COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS."
NICOLE THE HOLO-LYNX LIVING COMPUTER


"...IT'S VERY VERY BAD..."
THE LOST WORLD
CREEEAAK!
CRASH!
HRRRGH! I GOT THE CRANE! SOMEBODY HANDLE THAT CABLE!
SNIP
SONIC! AMY! ZIS LINE NEEDS SECURING!
I'LL FIND SOMEPLACE TO WEDGE IT ON THIS END!
ONE SAFETY LINE COMING UP!
PIKO!


WHEW! YER A HEAVY SUCKER.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, *MA CHÉRIE?*
AH'M FINE, SUGAR, JUST ...KINDA CONFUSED. AH DIDN'T THINK WE WERE IN STATION SQUARE FER PERFECT CHAOS' ATTACK. BUT AT THE SAME TIME...
YOU ARE REMEMBERING BEING HERE, RESCUING ZE PEOPLE, TOO?* I AM ALSO HAVING ZE CONFLICTING MEMORIES.
**SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 21-22.*
IT'S THAT DUAL MEMORY THING WE GOT FROM RESTORING NICOLE, AIN'T IT? THE OLD WORLD'S STARTIN' TO FADE...
...BUT IT IS STILL ZE DISTRACTION.
I AM WONDERING, IN ZE OLD WORLD, DID WE COMPLETE EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS SO OFTEN?
"*WE?*" YER THE ONE INTERRUPTIN' ME!
HEY, GUYS? LESS TALKING...
...MORE RESCUING PEOPLE, 'KAY?
ZUT ALORS! OF COURSE!
WHERE TO NEXT, SAL? WE *REALLY* NEED SOME DIRECTION HERE.
THERE'S A CROWD STRANDED IN FRONT OF CASINOPOLIS.
LET'S BOOK IT! HOW YOU DOING, TEAM FREEDOM...?


WE'RE OVER AT TWINKLE PARK. THERE'RE PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE. I'VE ALMOST GOT THE DOORS OPEN.
SALLY, I'M SENDING T-PUP TO ROTOR, TO SEE IF HE'S GOT THE ELEVATOR WORKING YET.
ARF! ARF!
ROTOR? WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?
THUMBS UP!
GREAT. I'LL SEND T-PUP TO SCOUT AHEAD.
SPLASH!
UH-OH, T-PUP... EVEN WHEN ROTOR GETS THE ELEVATOR WORKING, IT'LL BE BLOCKED BY THAT DEBRIS!
TWINKLE PARK
WELCOME


NEARBY...
HUP!
IS THAT THE LAST OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS AREA?
YEP. FISHING FOR PEOPLE IS WEIRD.
I'M SURE. CAN YOU CLEAR THE ELEVATOR INTO TWINKLE PARK?
OKAY.
RZGFA1
ALL DONE!
HEAD FOR HIGH GROUND! GET INSIDE THE TRAIN STATION! GO-GO-GO!
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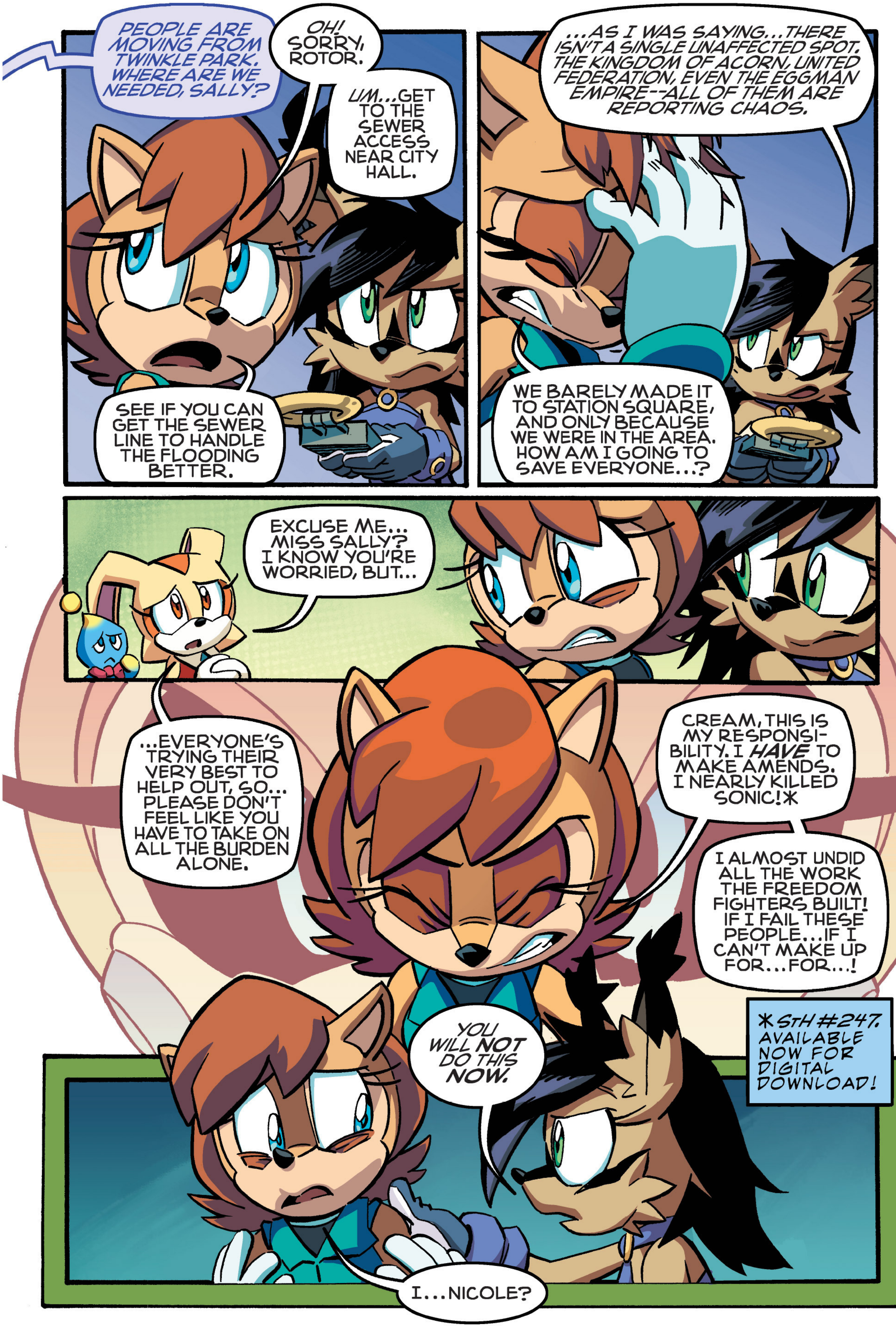
PEOPLE ARE MOVING FROM TWINKLE PARK. WHERE ARE WE NEEDED, SALLY?
OH! SORRY, ROTOR.
UM...GET TO THE SEWER ACCESS NEAR CITY HALL.
SEE IF YOU CAN GET THE SEWER LINE TO HANDLE THE FLOODING BETTER.
...AS I WAS SAYING...THERE ISN'T A SINGLE UNAFFECTED SPOT. THE KINGDOM OF ACORN, UNITED FEDERATION, EVEN THE EGGMAN EMPIRE--ALL OF THEM ARE REPORTING CHAOS.
WE BARELY MADE IT TO STATION SQUARE, AND ONLY BECAUSE WE WERE IN THE AREA. HOW AM I GOING TO SAVE EVERYONE...?
EXCUSE ME... MISS SALLY? I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED, BUT...
...EVERYONE'S TRYING THEIR VERY BEST TO HELP OUT, SO... PLEASE DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO TAKE ON ALL THE BURDEN ALONE.
CREAM, THIS IS MY RESPONSIBILITY. I *HAVE* TO MAKE AMENDS. I NEARLY KILLED SONIC!*
I ALMOST UNDID ALL THE WORK THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BUILT! IF I FAIL THESE PEOPLE...IF I CAN'T MAKE UP FOR...FOR...!
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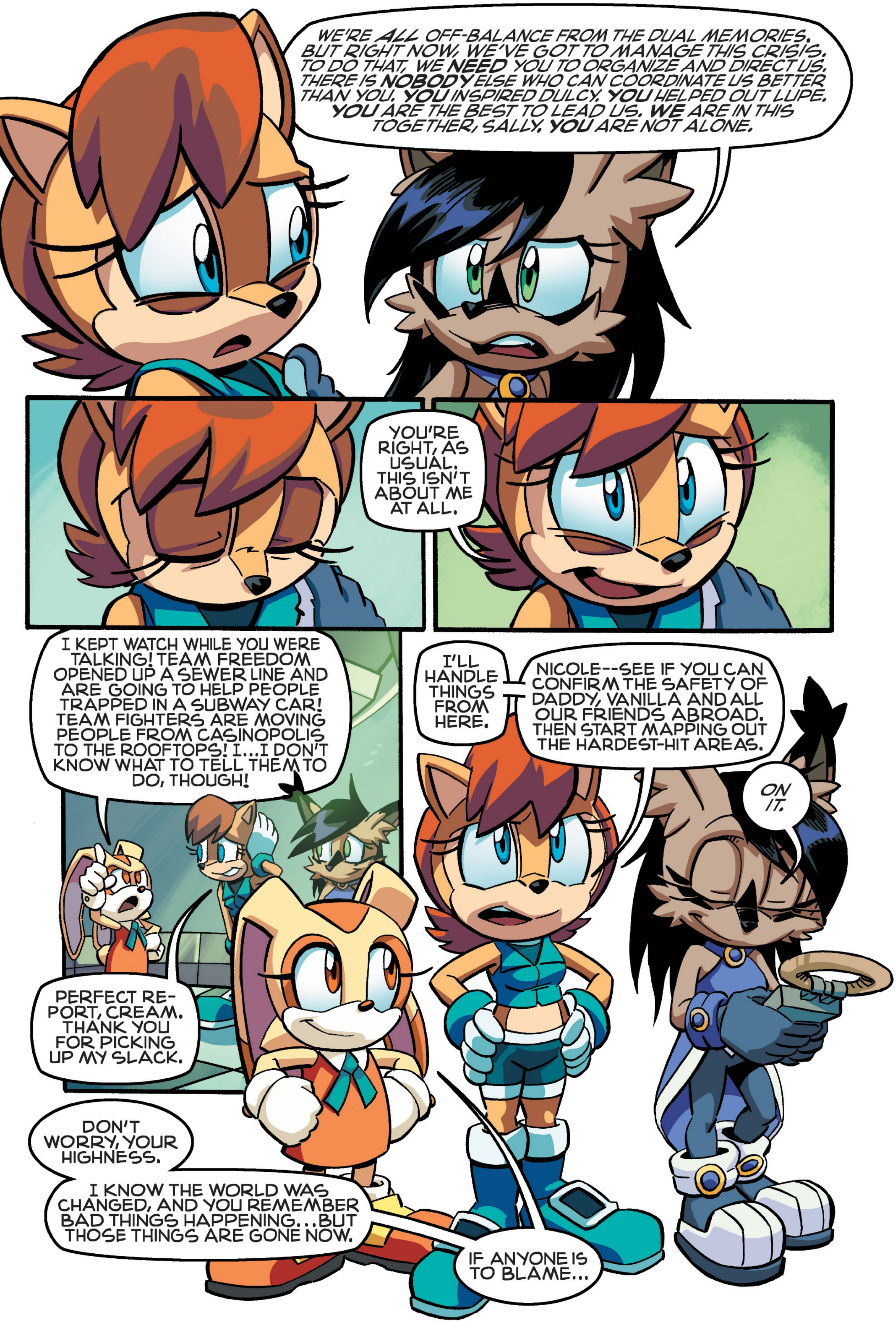
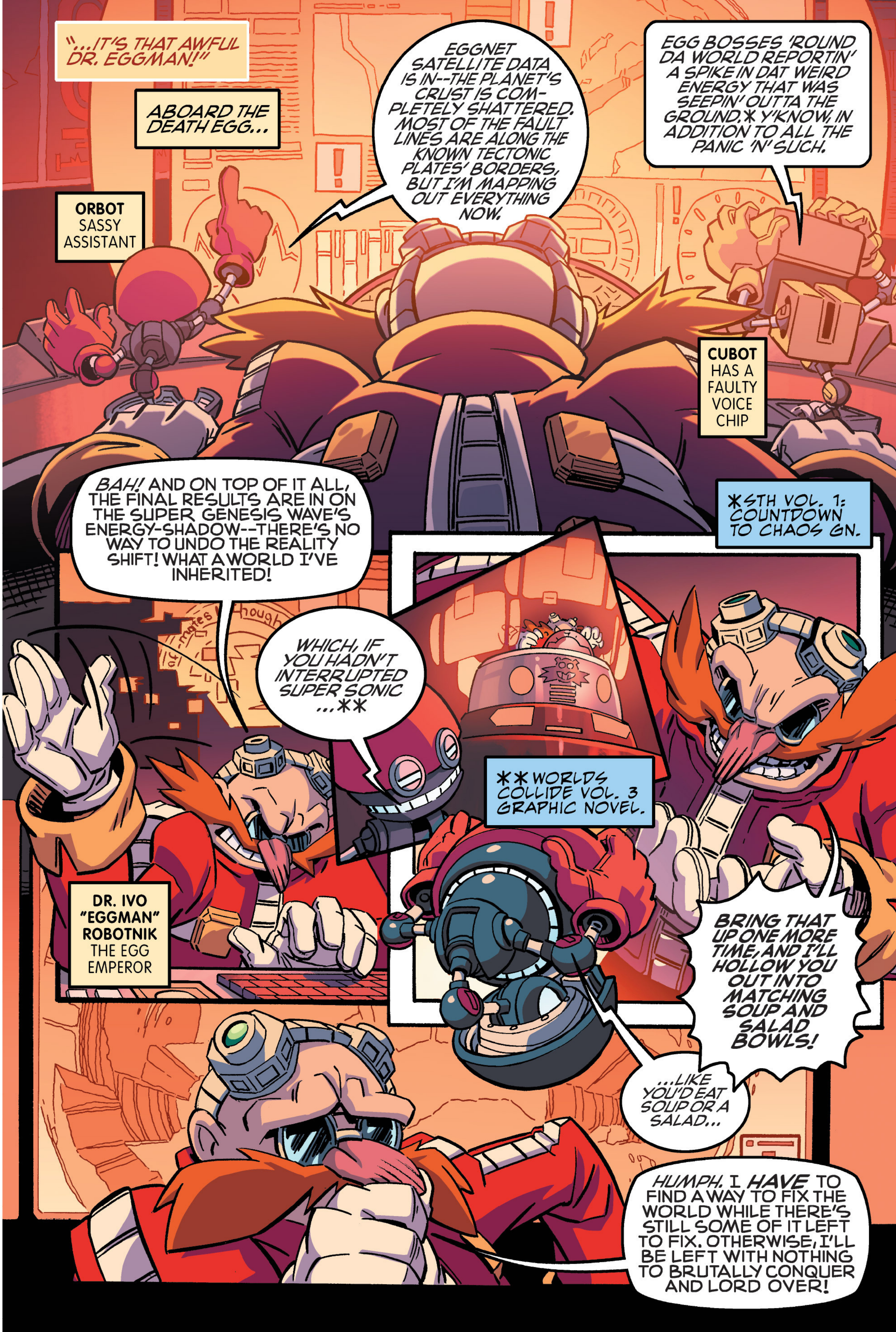
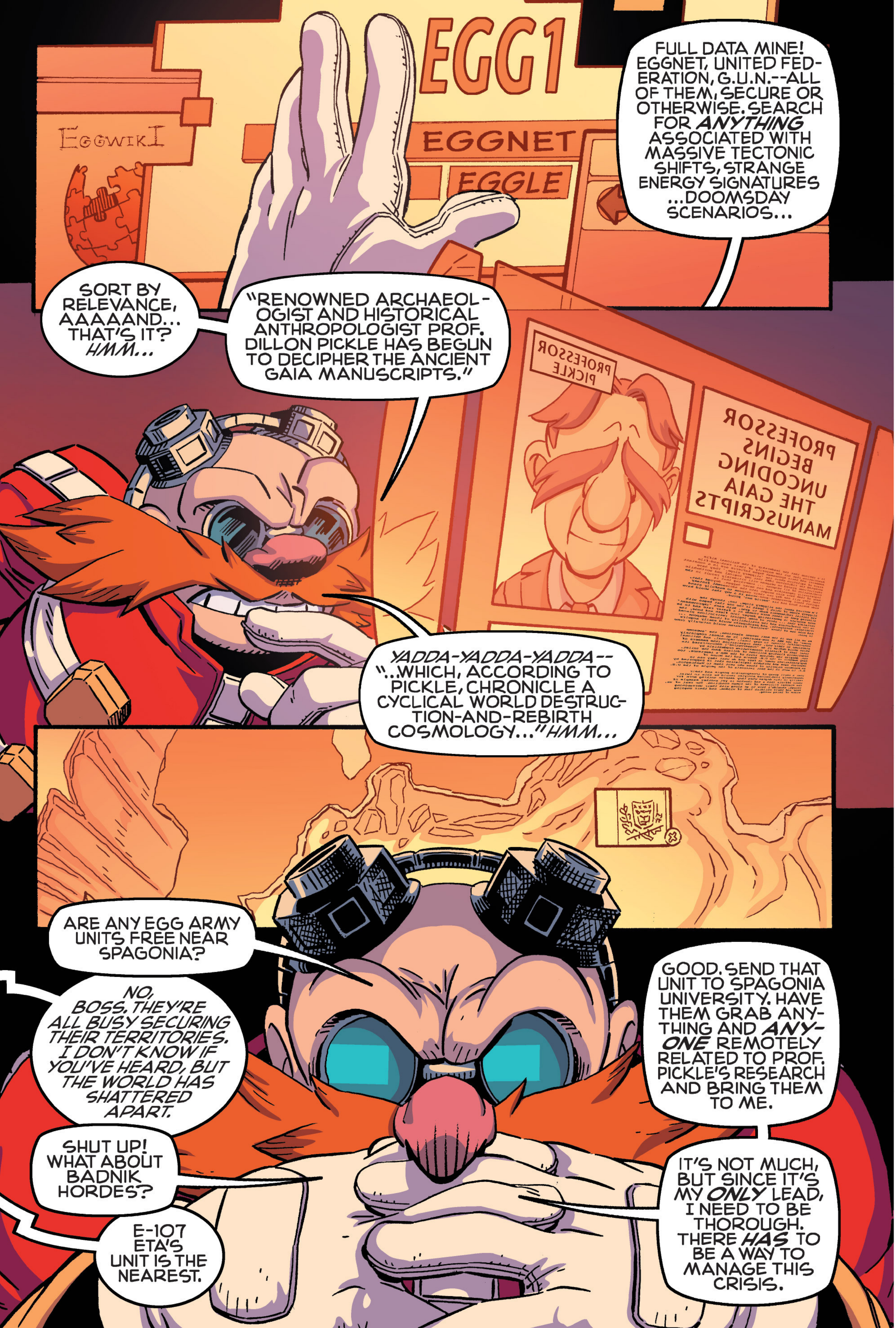
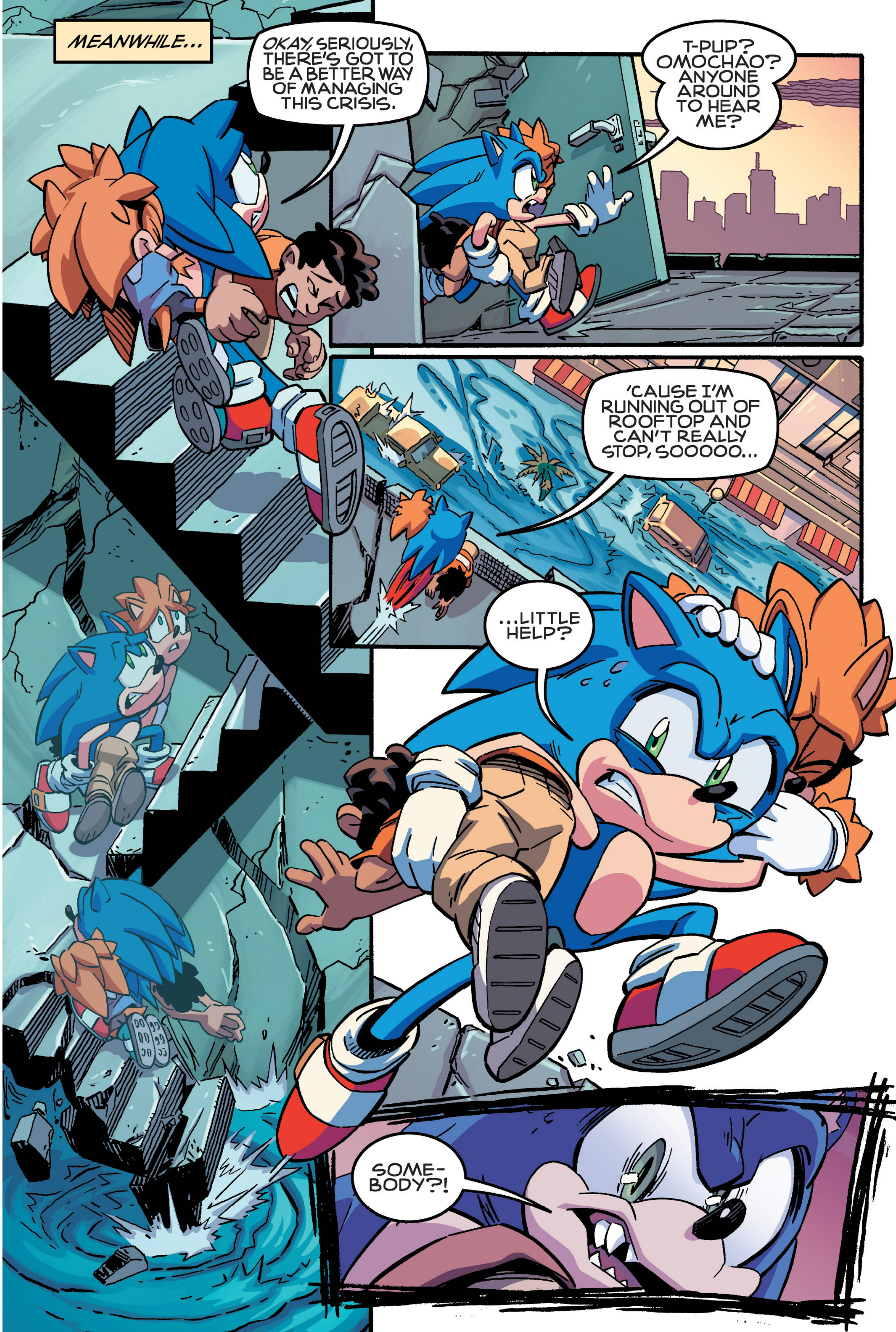
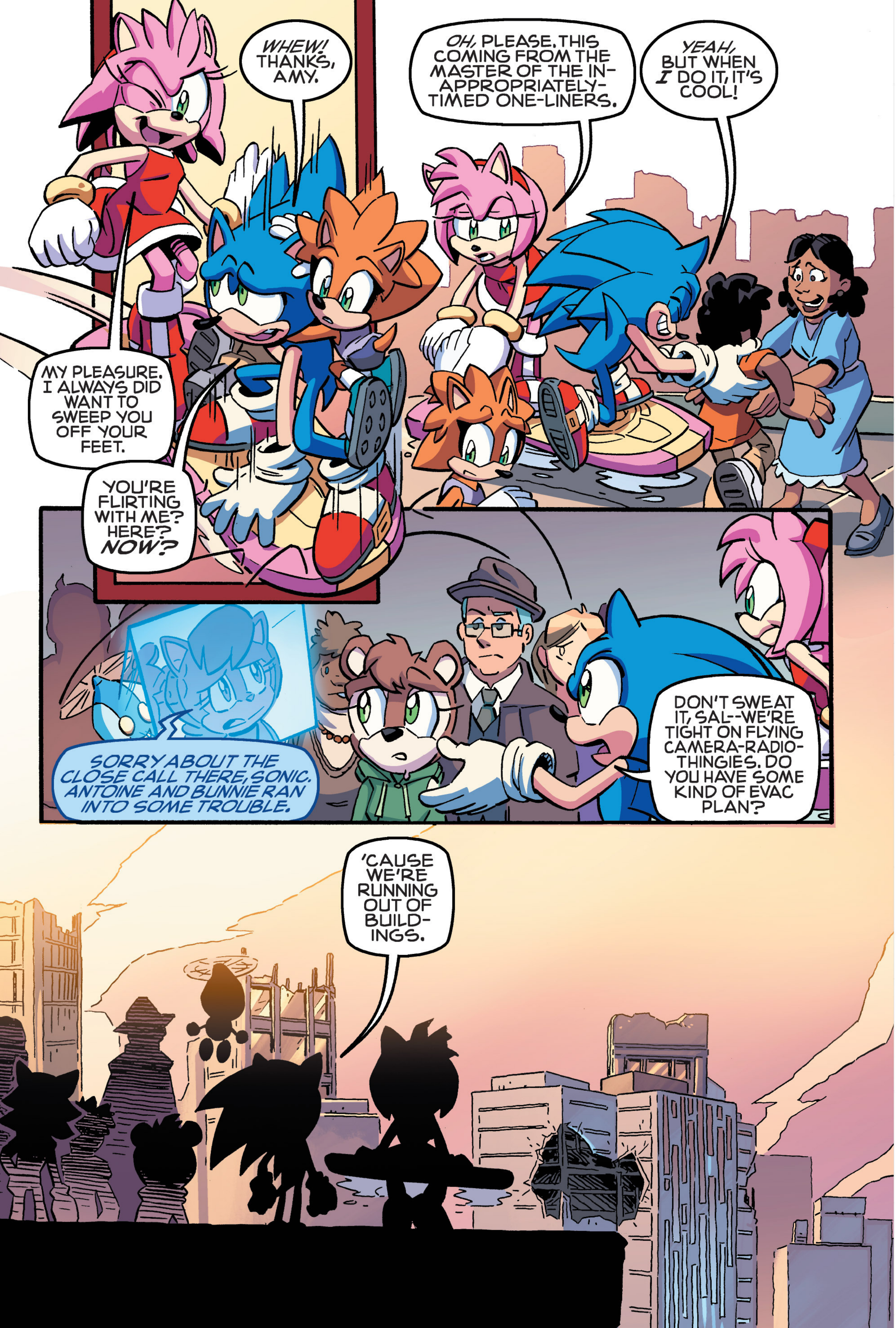
YOU WILL **NOT** DO THIS **NOW.**
I...NICOLE?

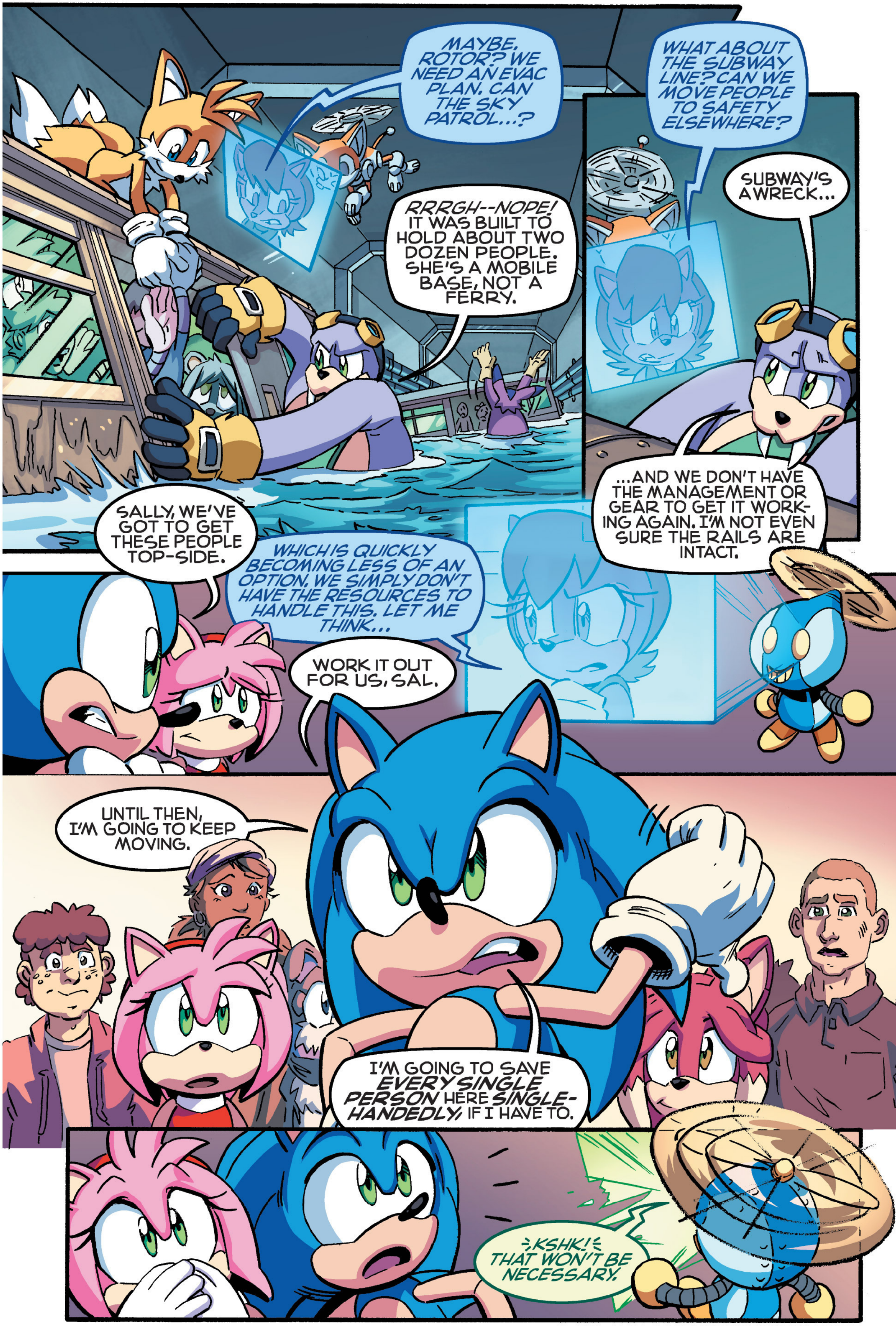

WE'RE *ALL* OFF-BALANCE FROM THE DUAL MEMORIES. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO MANAGE THIS CRISIS. TO DO THAT, WE **NEED** YOU TO ORGANIZE AND DIRECT US. THERE IS **NOBODY** ELSE WHO CAN COORDINATE US BETTER THAN YOU. **YOU** INSPIRED DULCY. **YOU** HELPED OUT LUPE. **YOU** ARE THE BEST TO LEAD US. **WE** ARE IN THIS TOGETHER, SALLY. **YOU** ARE NOT ALONE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, AS USUAL. THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME AT ALL.
I KEPT WATCH WHILE YOU WERE TALKING! TEAM FREEDOM OPENED UP A SEWER LINE AND ARE GOING TO HELP PEOPLE TRAPPED IN A SUBWAY CAR! TEAM FIGHTERS ARE MOVING PEOPLE FROM CASINOPOLIS TO THE ROOFTOPS! I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL THEM TO DO, THOUGH!
I'LL HANDLE THINGS FROM HERE.
NICOLE--SEE IF YOU CAN CONFIRM THE SAFETY OF DADDY, VANILLA AND ALL OUR FRIENDS ABROAD. THEN START MAPPING OUT THE HARDEST-HIT AREAS.
ON IT.
PERFECT REPORT, CREAM. THANK YOU FOR PICKING UP MY SLACK.
DON'T WORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS.
I KNOW THE WORLD WAS CHANGED, AND YOU REMEMBER BAD THINGS HAPPENING...BUT THOSE THINGS ARE GONE NOW.
IF ANYONE IS TO BLAME...

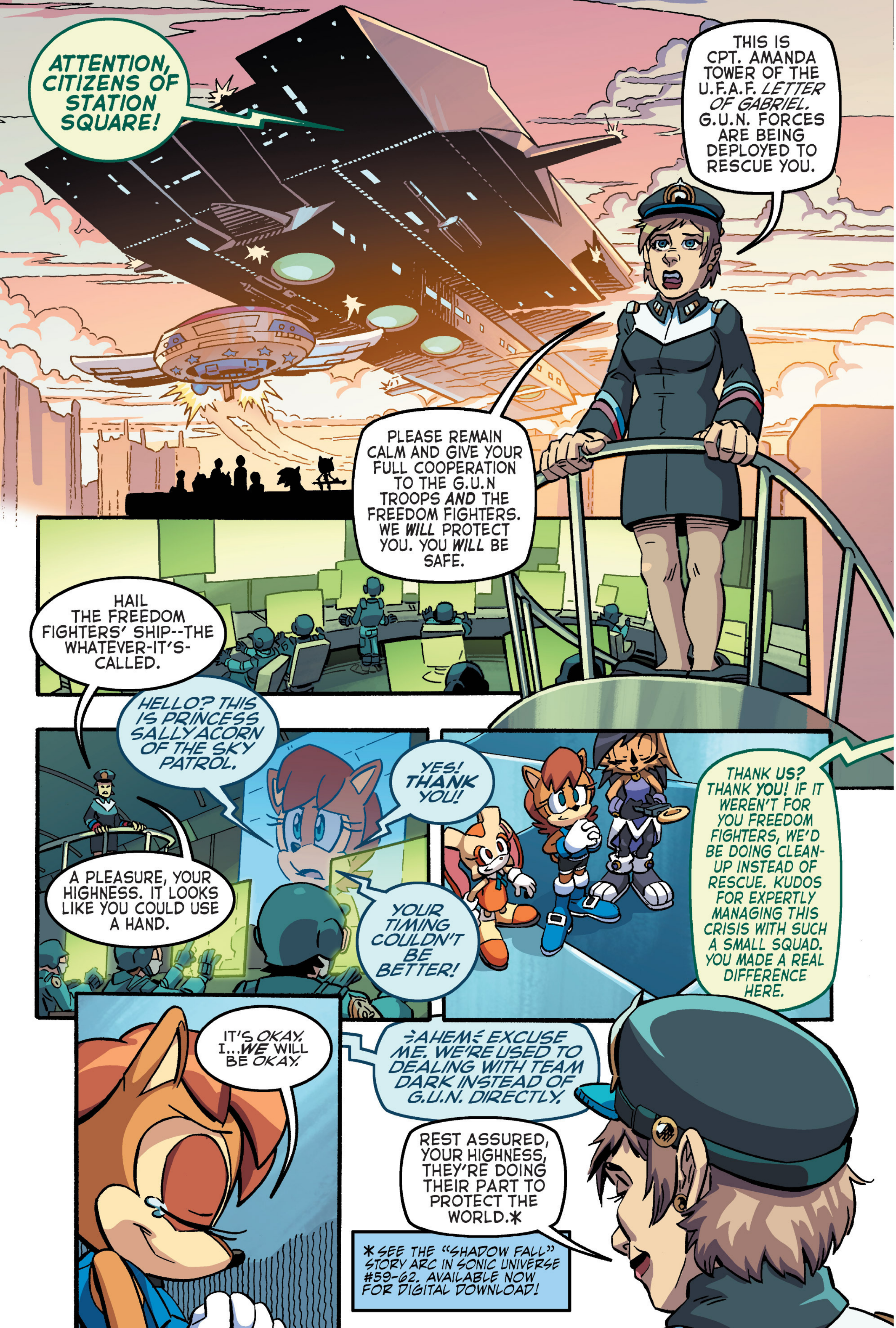

"...IT'S THAT AWFUL DR. EGGMAN!"
ABOARD THE DEATH EGG...
ORBOT SASSY ASSISTANT
EGGNET SATELLITE DATA IS IN--THE PLANET'S CRUST IS COMPLETELY SHATTERED. MOST OF THE FAULT LINES ARE ALONG THE KNOWN TECTONIC PLATES' BORDERS, BUT I'M MAPPING OUT EVERYTHING NOW.
EGG BOSSES 'ROUND DA WORLD REPORTIN' A SPIKE IN DAT WEIRD ENERGY THAT WAS SEEPIN' OUTTA THE GROUND.* Y'KNOW, IN ADDITION TO ALL THE PANIC 'N' SUCH.
CUBOT HAS A FAULTY VOICE CHIP
*STH VOL. 1: COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS GN.
BAH! AND ON TOP OF IT ALL, THE FINAL RESULTS ARE IN ON THE SUPER GENESIS WAVE'S ENERGY-SHADOW--THERE'S NO WAY TO UNDO THE REALITY SHIFT! WHAT A WORLD I'VE INHERITED!
WHICH, IF YOU HADN'T INTERRUPTED SUPER SONIC...**
**WORLDS COLLIDE VOL. 3 GRAPHIC NOVEL.
DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK THE EGG EMPEROR
BRING THAT UP ONE MORE TIME, AND I'LL HOLLOW YOU OUT INTO MATCHING SOUP AND SALAD BOWLS!
...LIKE YOU'D EAT SOUP OR A SALAD...
HUMPH. I ***HAVE*** TO FIND A WAY TO FIX THE WORLD WHILE THERE'S STILL SOME OF IT LEFT TO FIX. OTHERWISE, I'LL BE LEFT WITH NOTHING TO BRUTALLY CONQUER AND LORD OVER!


EGG1
EGGWIKI
EGGNET
EGGLE
FULL DATA MINE! EGGNET, UNITED FEDERATION, G.U.N.--ALL OF THEM, SECURE OR OTHERWISE. SEARCH FOR *ANYTHING* ASSOCIATED WITH MASSIVE TECTONIC SHIFTS, STRANGE ENERGY SIGNATURES ...DOOMSDAY SCENARIOS...
SORT BY RELEVANCE, AAAAAND... THAT'S IT? *HMM...*
"RENOWNED ARCHAEOLOGIST AND HISTORICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST PROF. DILLON PICKLE HAS BEGUN TO DECIPHER THE ANCIENT GAIA MANUSCRIPTS."
YADDA-YADDA-YADDA-- "...WHICH, ACCORDING TO PICKLE, CHRONICLE A CYCLICAL WORLD DESTRUCTION-AND-REBIRTH COSMOLOGY..." *HMM...*
ARE ANY EGG ARMY UNITS FREE NEAR SPAGONIA?
NO, BOSS, THEY'RE ALL BUSY SECURING THEIR TERRITORIES. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE HEARD, BUT THE WORLD HAS SHATTERED APART.
SHUT UP! WHAT ABOUT BADNIK HORDES?
E-107 ETA'S UNIT IS THE NEAREST.
GOOD. SEND THAT UNIT TO SPAGONIA UNIVERSITY. HAVE THEM GRAB ANYTHING AND *ANYONE* REMOTELY RELATED TO PROF. PICKLE'S RESEARCH AND BRING THEM TO ME.
IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT SINCE IT'S MY *ONLY* LEAD, I NEED TO BE THOROUGH. THERE *HAS* TO BE A WAY TO MANAGE THIS CRISIS.


MEANWHILE...
OKAY, SERIOUSLY, THERE'S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY OF MANAGING THIS CRISIS.
T-PUP? OMOCHAO? ANYONE AROUND TO HEAR ME?
'CAUSE I'M RUNNING OUT OF ROOFTOP AND CAN'T REALLY STOP, SOOOOO...
...LITTLE HELP?
SOME-BODY?!


WHEW! THANKS, AMY.
MY PLEASURE. I ALWAYS DID WANT TO SWEEP YOU OFF YOUR FEET.
YOU'RE FLIRTING WITH ME? HERE? NOW?
OH, PLEASE. THIS COMING FROM THE MASTER OF THE IN-APPROPRIATELY-TIMED ONE-LINERS.
YEAH, BUT WHEN I DO IT, IT'S COOL!
SORRY ABOUT THE CLOSE CALL THERE, SONIC. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE.
DON'T SWEAT IT, SAL--WE'RE TIGHT ON FLYING CAMERA-RADIO-THINGIES. DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF EVAC PLAN?
'CAUSE WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF BUILD-INGS.


MAYBE, ROTOR? WE NEED AN EVAC PLAN. CAN THE SKY PATROL...?
RRRGH--NOPE! IT WAS BUILT TO HOLD ABOUT TWO DOZEN PEOPLE. SHE'S A MOBILE BASE, NOT A FERRY.
WHAT ABOUT THE SUBWAY LINE? CAN WE MOVE PEOPLE TO SAFETY ELSEWHERE?
SUBWAY'S A WRECK...
...AND WE DON'T HAVE THE MANAGEMENT OR GEAR TO GET IT WORKING AGAIN. I'M NOT EVEN SURE THE RAILS ARE INTACT.
SALLY, WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE PEOPLE TOP-SIDE.
WHICH IS QUICKLY BECOMING LESS OF AN OPTION. WE SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO HANDLE THIS. LET ME THINK...
WORK IT OUT FOR US, SAL.
UNTIL THEN, I'M GOING TO KEEP MOVING.
I'M GOING TO SAVE EVERY SINGLE PERSON HERE SINGLE-HANDEDLY, IF I HAVE TO.
KSHK! THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.


ATTENTION, CITIZENS OF STATION SQUARE!
THIS IS CPT. AMANDA TOWER OF THE U.F.A.F. *LETTER OF GABRIEL.* G.U.N. FORCES ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO RESCUE YOU.
PLEASE REMAIN CALM AND GIVE YOUR FULL COOPERATION TO THE G.U.N TROOPS ***AND*** THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. WE ***WILL*** PROTECT YOU. YOU ***WILL*** BE SAFE.
HAIL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' SHIP--THE WHATEVER-IT'S-CALLED.
HELLO? THIS IS PRINCESS SALLY ACORN OF THE SKY PATROL.
A PLEASURE, YOUR HIGHNESS. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE A HAND.
YES! **THANK** YOU!
YOUR TIMING COULDN'T BE BETTER!
THANK US? THANK **YOU**! IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WE'D BE DOING CLEAN-UP INSTEAD OF RESCUE. KUDOS FOR EXPERTLY MANAGING THIS CRISIS WITH SUCH A SMALL SQUAD. YOU MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE HERE.
IT'S *OKAY.* I...***WE*** WILL BE *OKAY.*
≥AHEM≤ EXCUSE ME. WE'RE USED TO DEALING WITH TEAM DARK INSTEAD OF G.U.N. DIRECTLY.
REST ASSURED, YOUR HIGHNESS, THEY'RE DOING THEIR PART TO PROTECT THE WORLD.*
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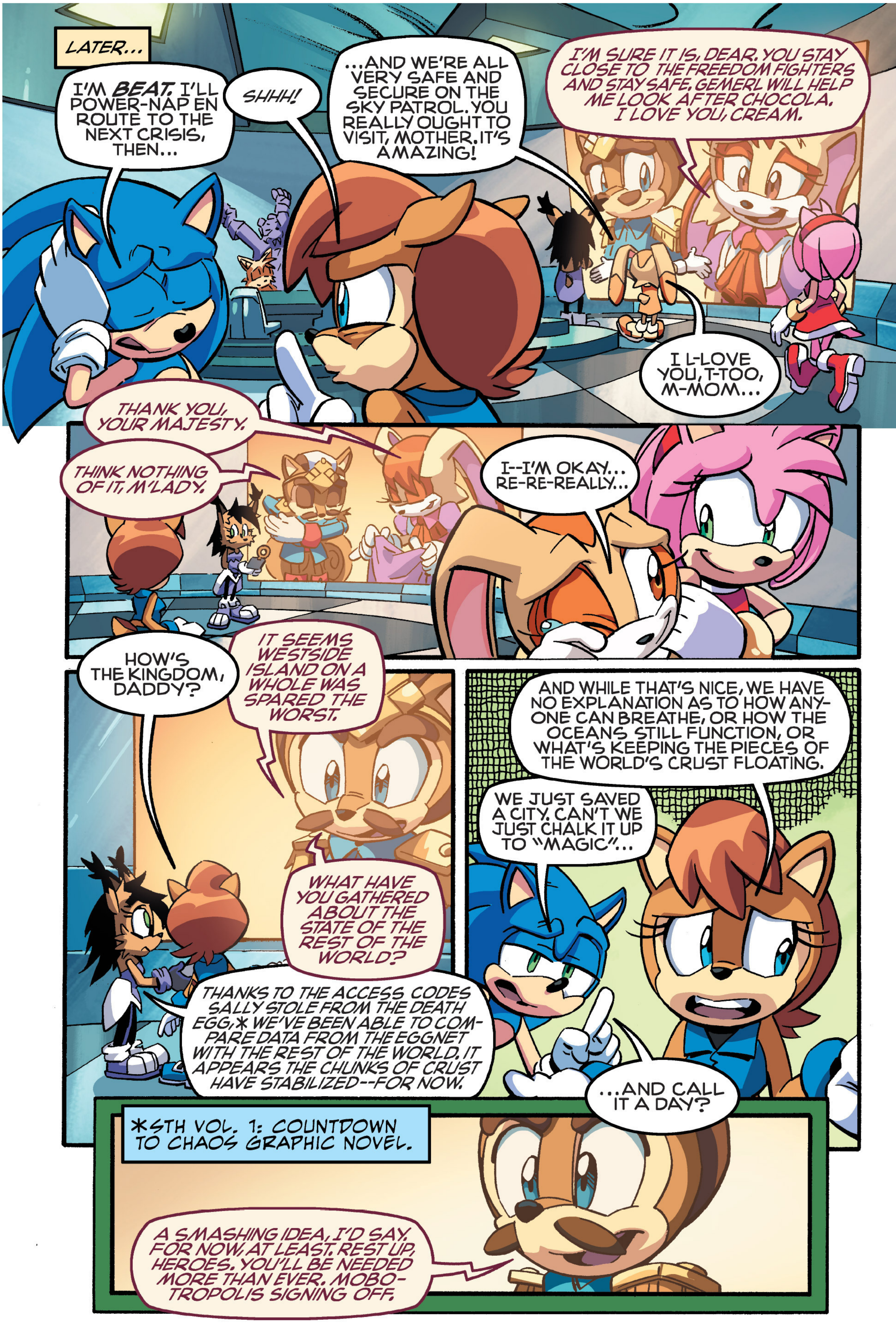
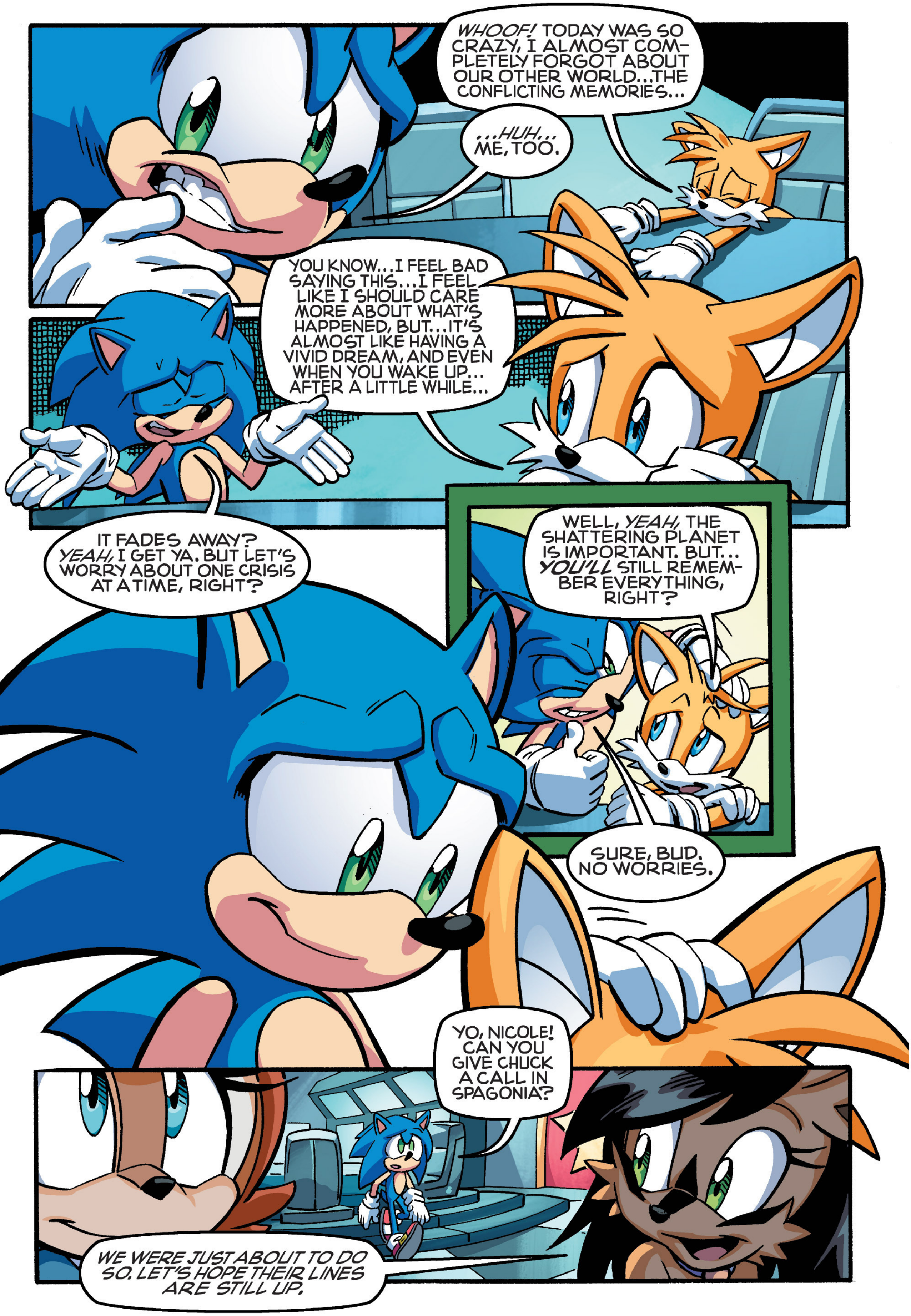
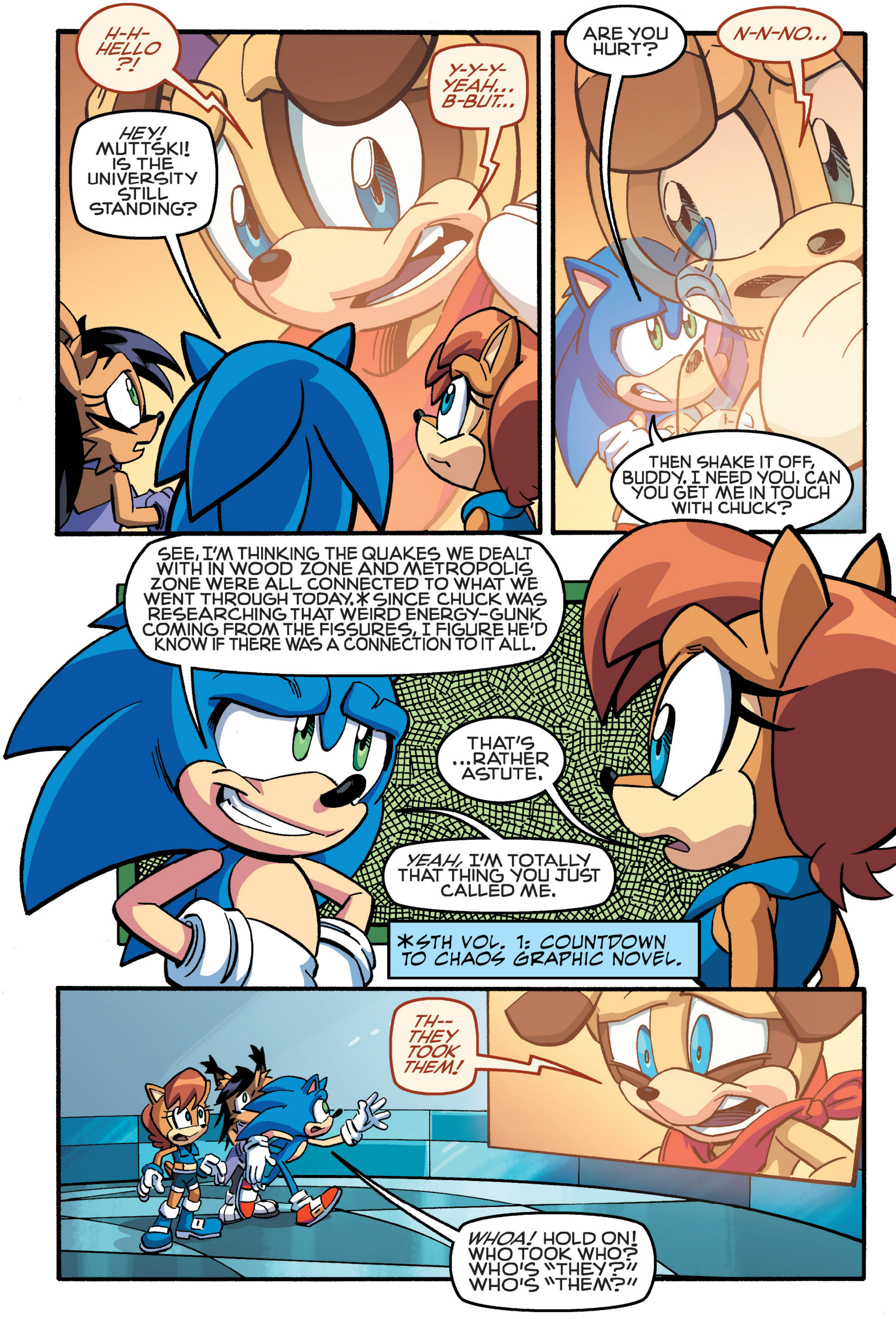
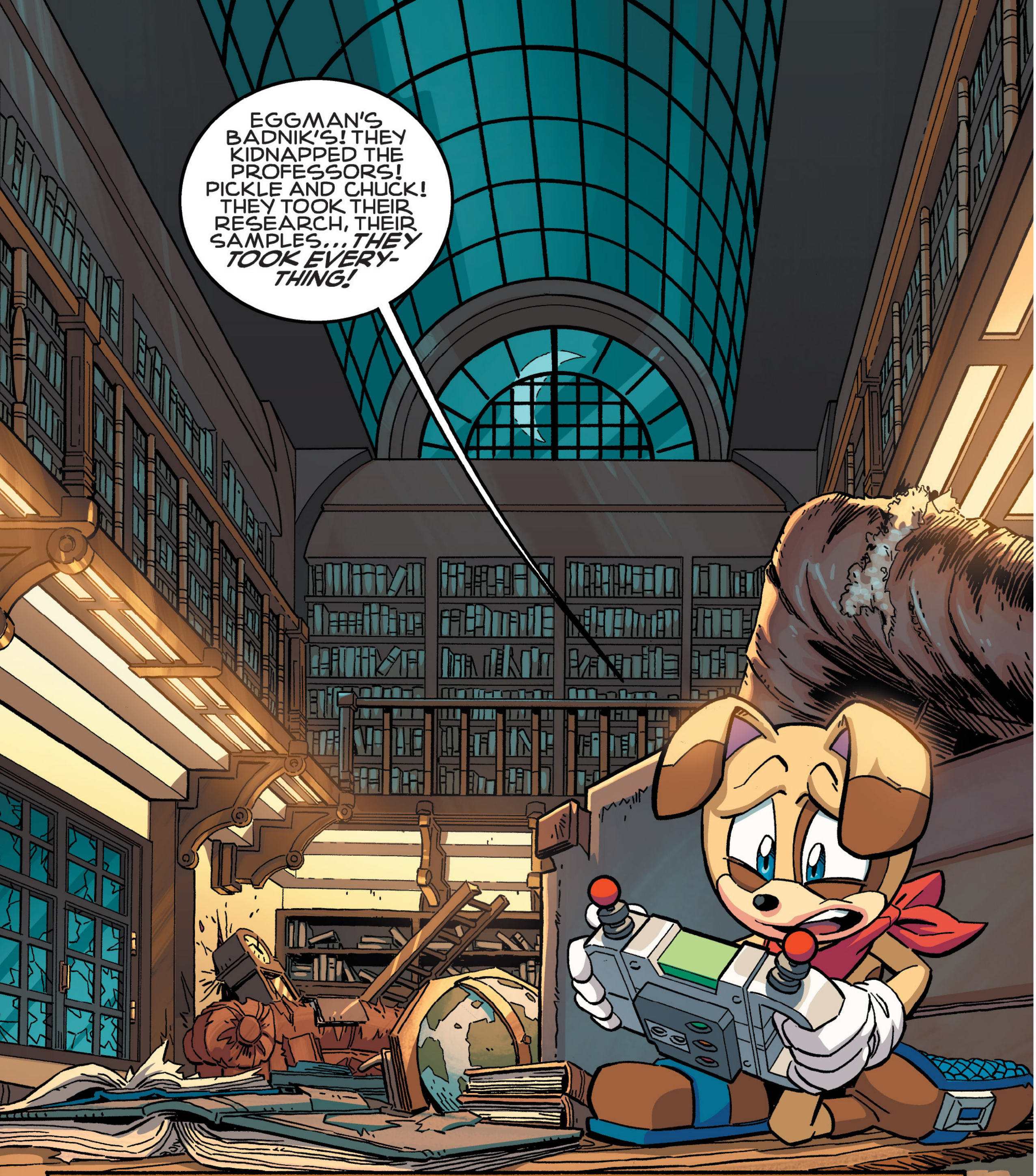

LATER...
I'M *BEAT*. I'LL POWER-NAP EN ROUTE TO THE NEXT CRISIS, THEN...
SHHH!
...AND WE'RE ALL VERY SAFE AND SECURE ON THE SKY PATROL. YOU REALLY OUGHT TO VISIT, MOTHER. IT'S AMAZING!
I'M SURE IT IS, DEAR. YOU STAY CLOSE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND STAY SAFE. GEMERL WILL HELP ME LOOK AFTER CHOCOLA. I LOVE YOU, CREAM.
I L-LOVE YOU, T-TOO, M-MOM...
THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.
THINK NOTHING OF IT, M'LADY.
I--I'M OKAY... RE-RE-REALLY...
HOW'S THE KINGDOM, DADDY?
IT SEEMS WESTSIDE ISLAND ON A WHOLE WAS SPARED THE WORST.
WHAT HAVE YOU GATHERED ABOUT THE STATE OF THE REST OF THE WORLD?
THANKS TO THE ACCESS CODES SALLY STOLE FROM THE DEATH EGG,* WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO COMPARE DATA FROM THE EGGNET WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. IT APPEARS THE CHUNKS OF CRUST HAVE STABILIZED--FOR NOW.
AND WHILE THAT'S NICE, WE HAVE NO EXPLANATION AS TO HOW ANYONE CAN BREATHE, OR HOW THE OCEANS STILL FUNCTION, OR WHAT'S KEEPING THE PIECES OF THE WORLD'S CRUST FLOATING.
WE JUST SAVED A CITY. CAN'T WE JUST CHALK IT UP TO "MAGIC"...
...AND CALL IT A DAY?
*STH VOL. 1: COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS GRAPHIC NOVEL.
A SMASHING IDEA, I'D SAY. FOR NOW, AT LEAST. REST UP, HEROES. YOU'LL BE NEEDED MORE THAN EVER. MOBOTROPOLIS SIGNING OFF.


WHOOF! TODAY WAS SO CRAZY, I ALMOST COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT OUR OTHER WORLD...THE CONFLICTING MEMORIES...
...*HUH*... ME, TOO.
YOU KNOW...I FEEL BAD SAYING THIS...I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD CARE MORE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED, BUT...IT'S ALMOST LIKE HAVING A VIVID DREAM, AND EVEN WHEN YOU WAKE UP... AFTER A LITTLE WHILE...
IT FADES AWAY? *YEAH,* I GET YA. BUT LET'S WORRY ABOUT ONE CRISIS AT A TIME, RIGHT?
WELL, *YEAH,* THE SHATTERING PLANET IS IMPORTANT. BUT... *YOU'LL* STILL REMEMBER EVERYTHING, RIGHT?
SURE, BUD. NO WORRIES.
YO, NICOLE! CAN YOU GIVE CHUCK A CALL IN SPAGONIA?
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO DO SO. LET'S HOPE THEIR LINES ARE STILL UP.


H-H-HELLO?!
HEY! MUTTSKI! IS THE UNIVERSITY STILL STANDING?
Y-Y-Y-YEAH... B-BUT...
ARE YOU HURT?
N-N-NO...
THEN SHAKE IT OFF, BUDDY. I NEED YOU. CAN YOU GET ME IN TOUCH WITH CHUCK?
SEE, I'M THINKING THE QUAKES WE DEALT WITH IN WOOD ZONE AND METROPOLIS ZONE WERE ALL CONNECTED TO WHAT WE WENT THROUGH TODAY.* SINCE CHUCK WAS RESEARCHING THAT WEIRD ENERGY-GUNK COMING FROM THE FISSURES, I FIGURE HE'D KNOW IF THERE WAS A CONNECTION TO IT ALL.
THAT'S ...RATHER ASTUTE.
YEAH, I'M TOTALLY THAT THING YOU JUST CALLED ME.
*STH VOL. 1: COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS GRAPHIC NOVEL.
TH-- THEY TOOK THEM!
WHOA! HOLD ON! WHO TOOK WHO? WHO'S "THEY?" WHO'S "THEM?"


EGGMAN'S BADNIK'S! THEY KIDNAPPED THE PROFESSORS! PICKLE AND CHUCK! THEY TOOK THEIR RESEARCH, THEIR SAMPLES... *THEY TOOK EVERYTHING!*

A WORLD IN A STATE OF CHAOS!
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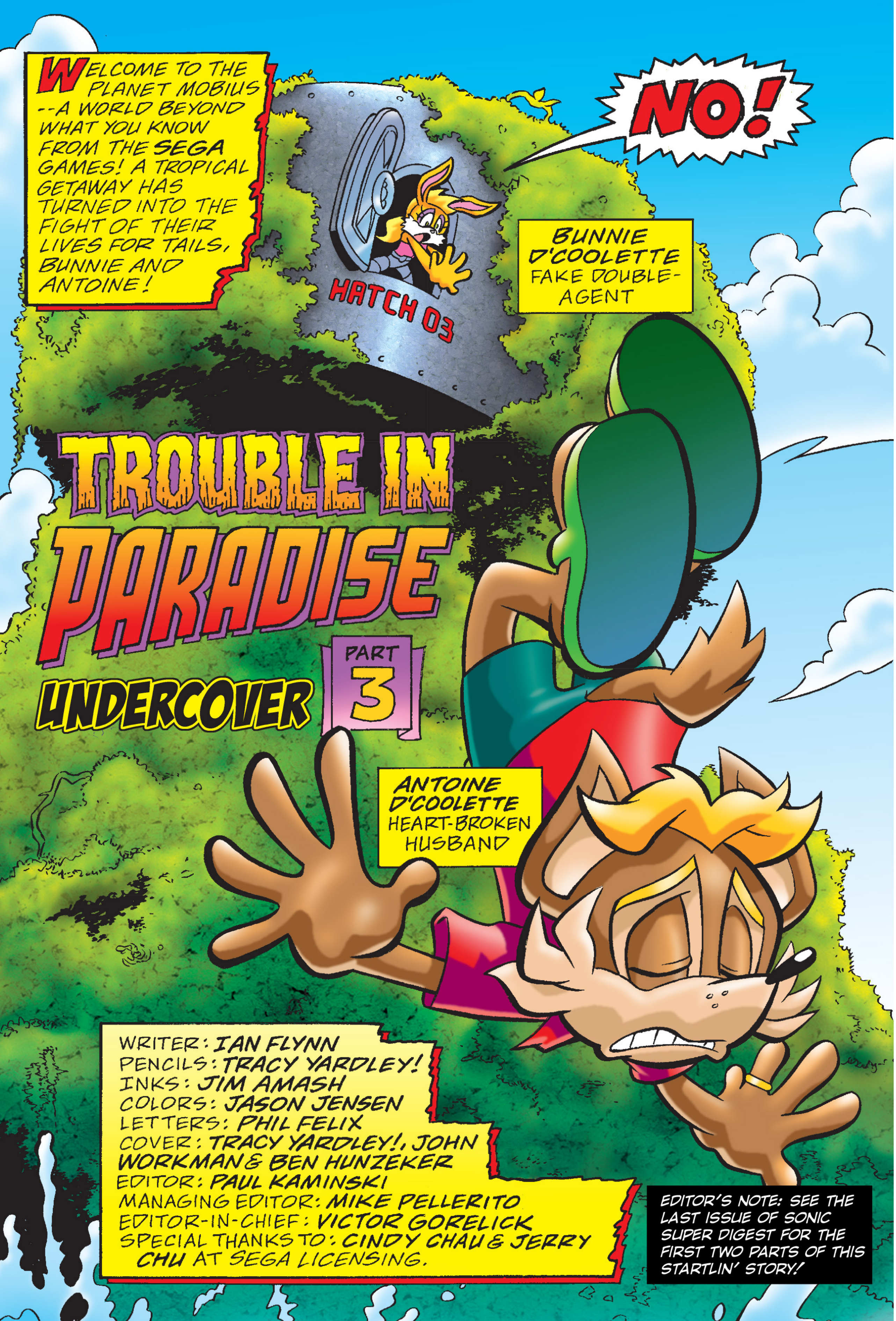
WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS --A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES! A TROPICAL GETAWAY HAS TURNED INTO THE FIGHT OF THEIR LIVES FOR TAILS, BUNNIE AND ANTOINE!
NO!
HATCH 03
BUNNIE D'COOLETTE FAKE DOUBLE-AGENT
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE HEART-BROKEN HUSBAND

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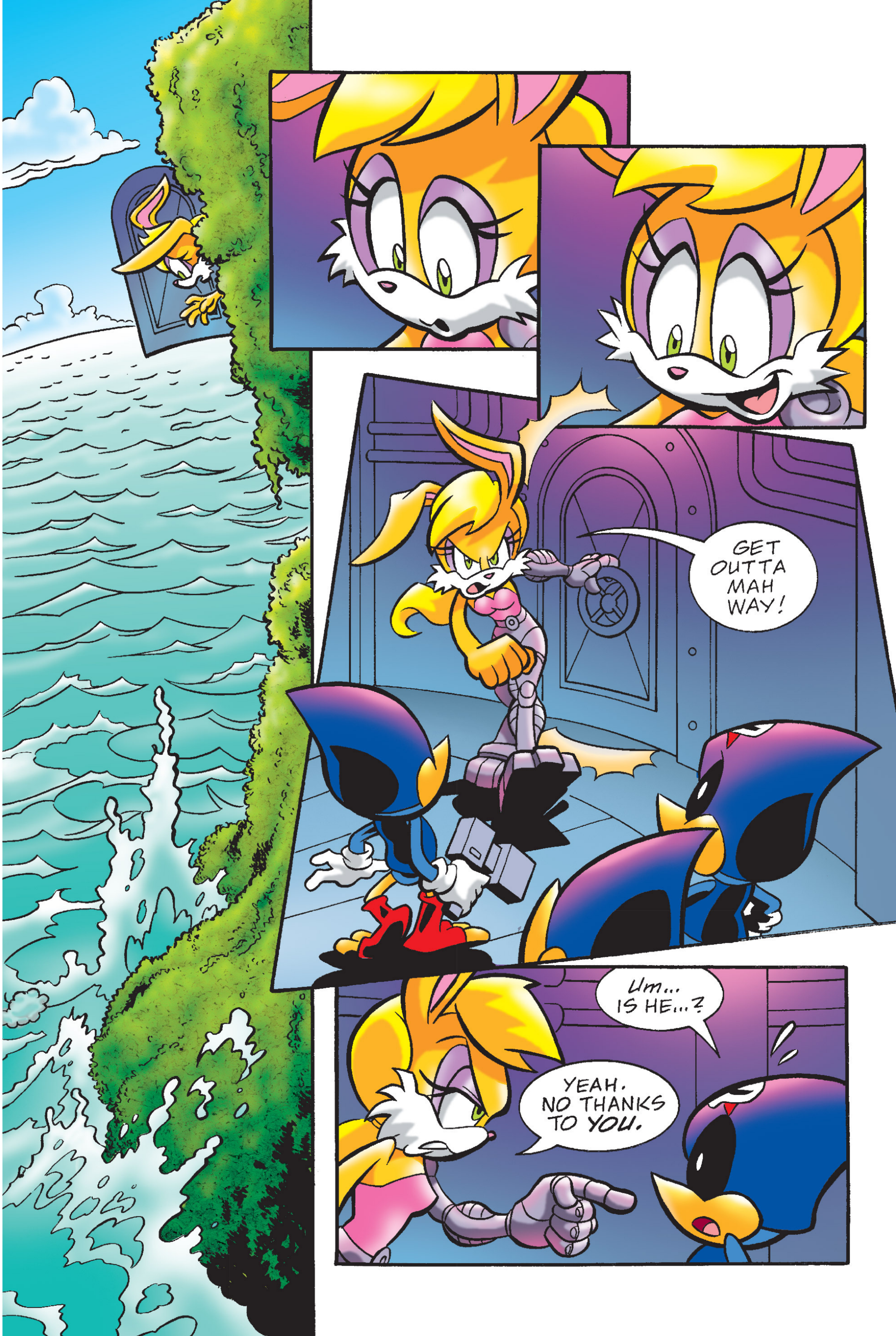
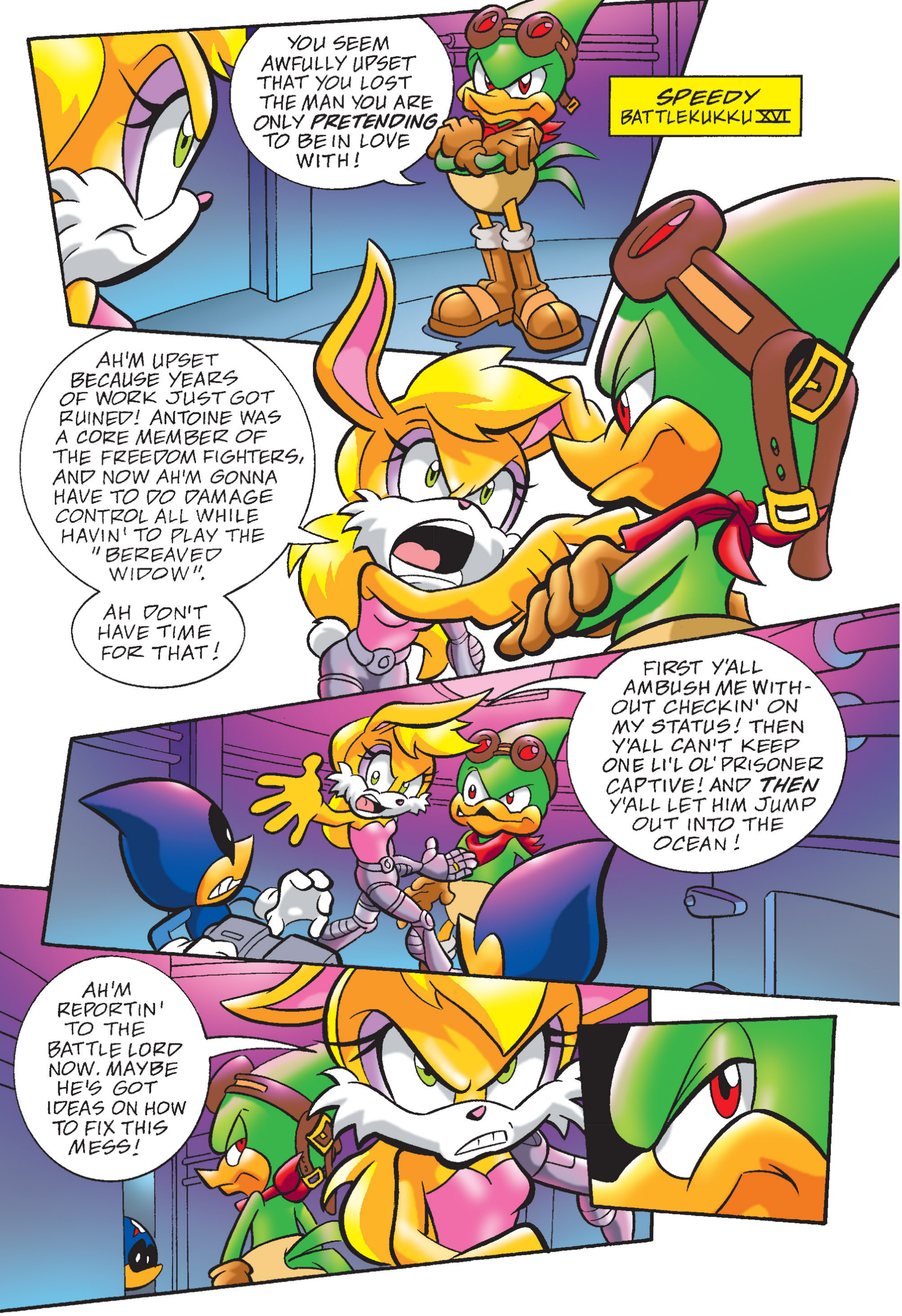
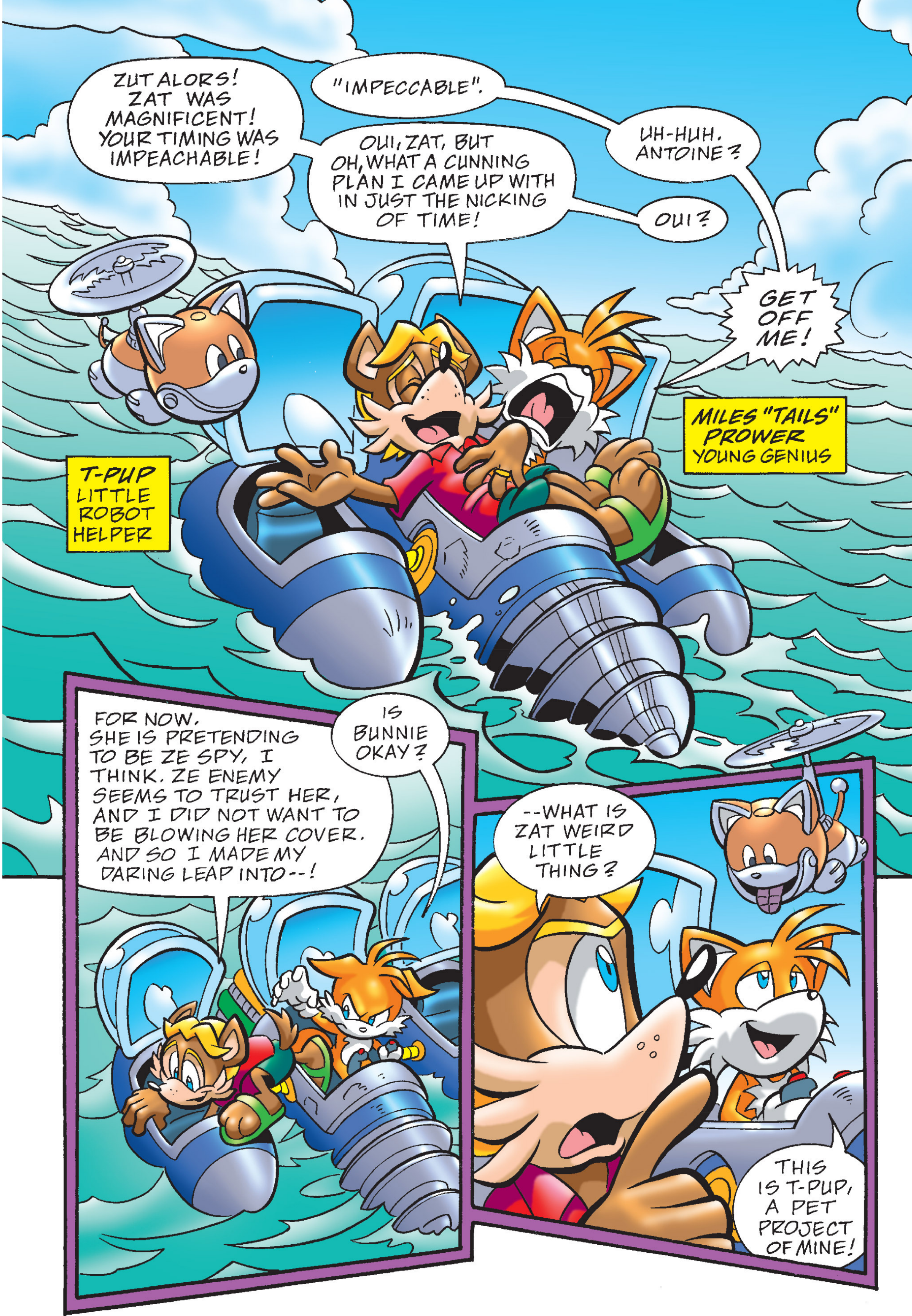
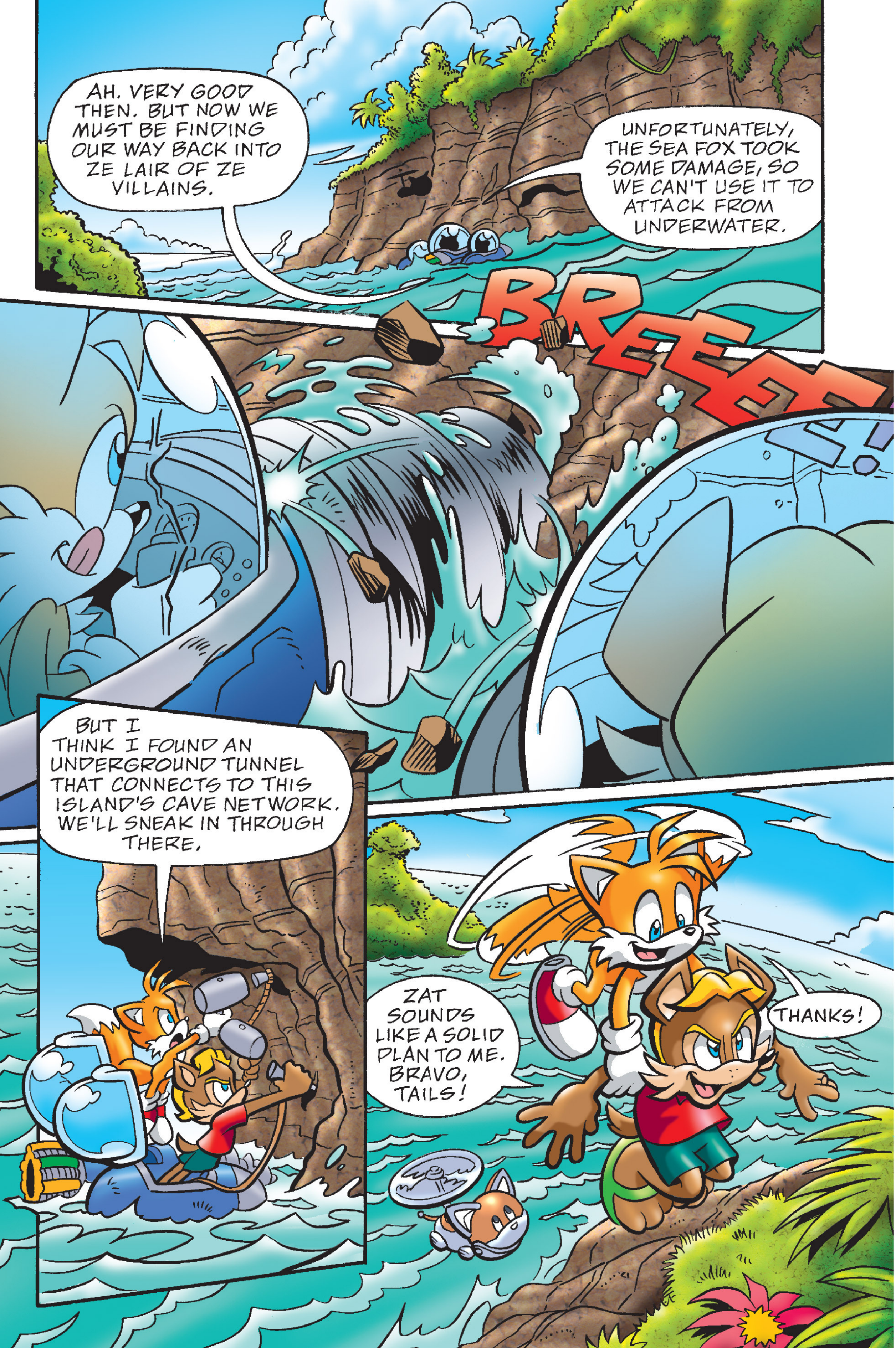
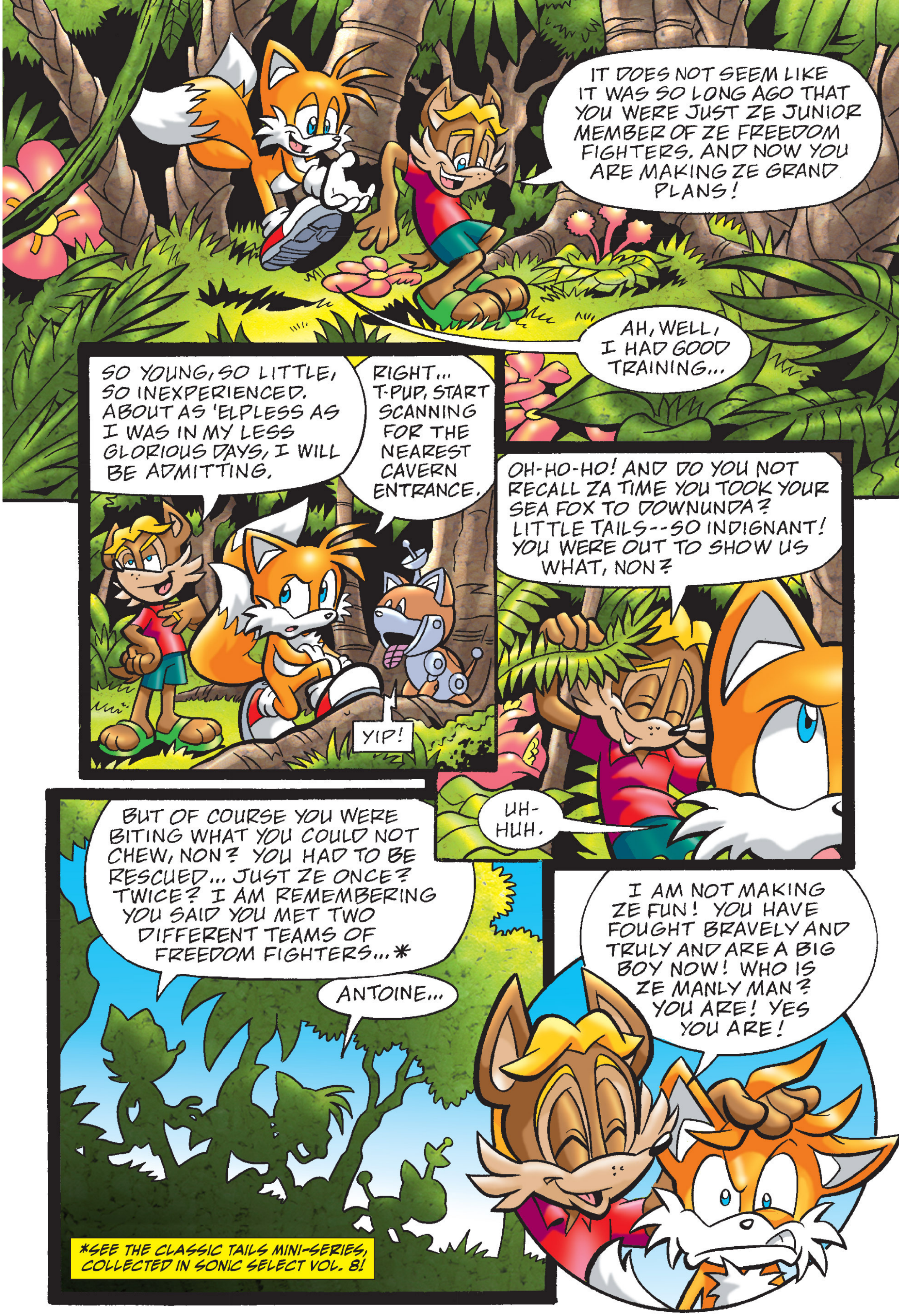
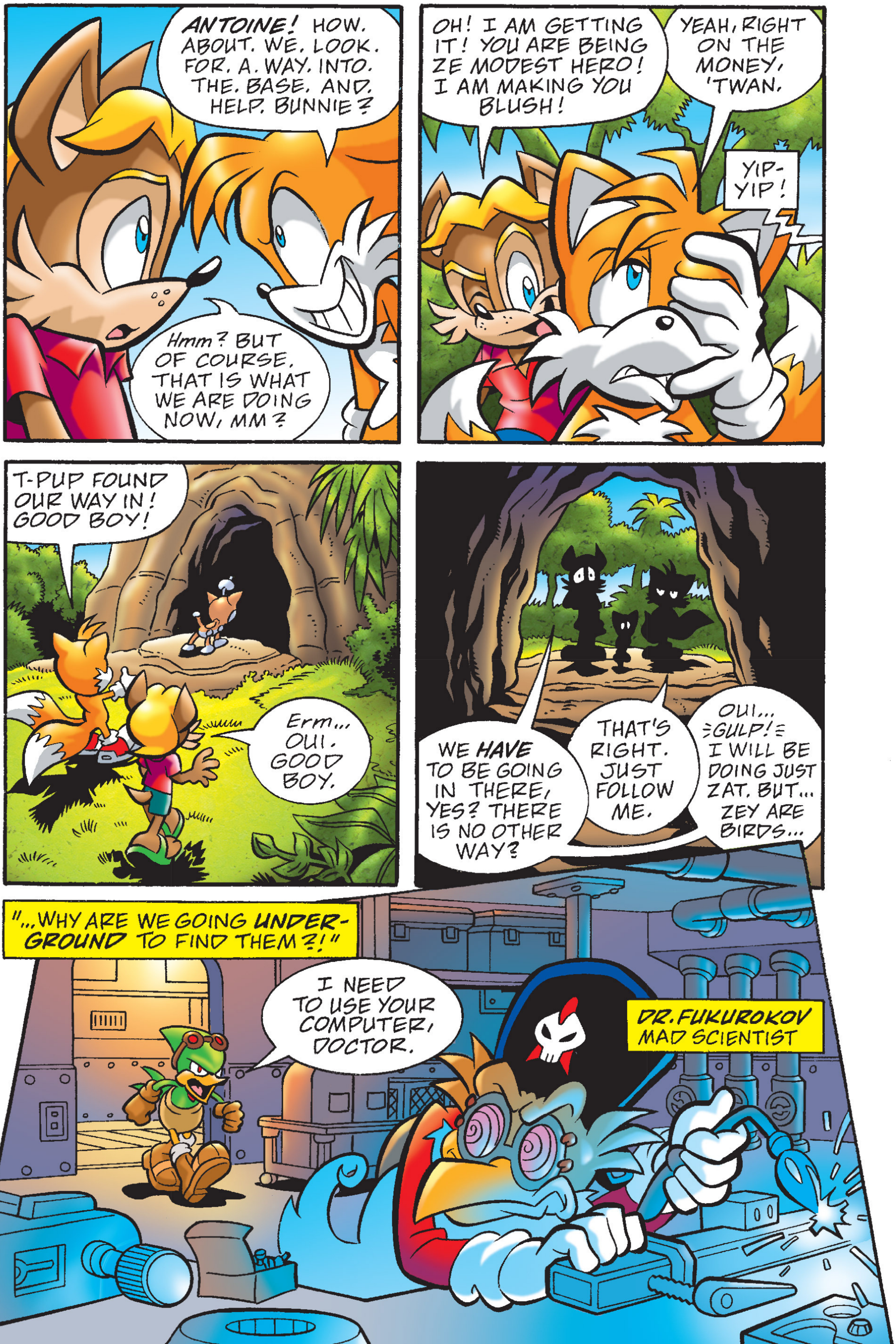

GET OUTTA MAH WAY!
Um... IS HE...?
YEAH. NO THANKS TO YOU.

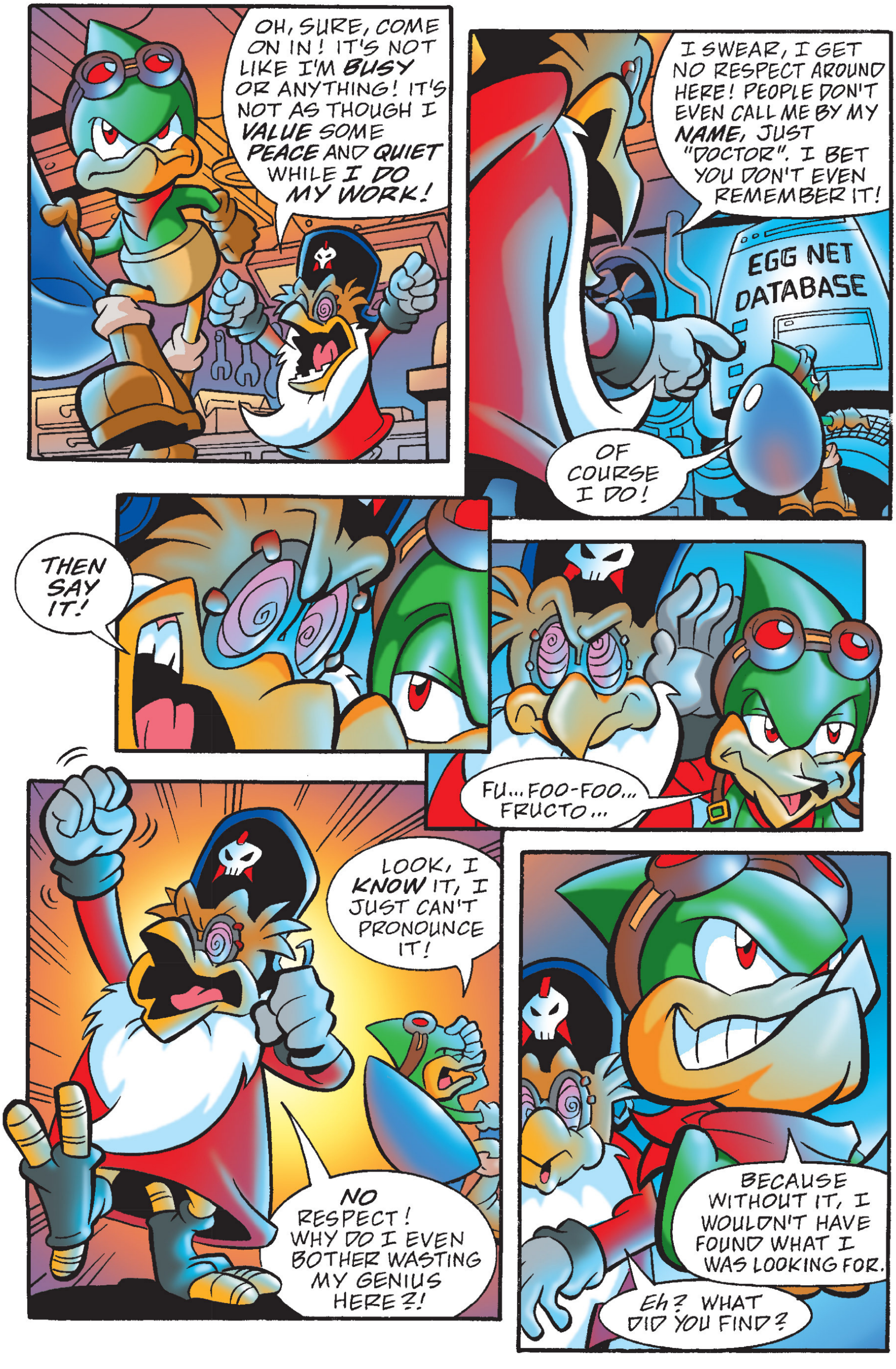

YOU SEEM AWFULLY UPSET THAT YOU LOST THE MAN YOU ARE ONLY PRETENDING TO BE IN LOVE WITH!
SPEEDY
BATTLEKUKKU XVI
AH'M UPSET BECAUSE YEARS OF WORK JUST GOT RUINED! ANTOINE WAS A CORE MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AND NOW AH'M GONNA HAVE TO DO DAMAGE CONTROL ALL WHILE HAVIN' TO PLAY THE "BEREAVED WIDOW".
AH DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!
FIRST Y'ALL AMBUSH ME WITHOUT CHECKIN' ON MY STATUS! THEN Y'ALL CAN'T KEEP ONE LI'L OL' PRISONER CAPTIVE! AND THEN Y'ALL LET HIM JUMP OUT INTO THE OCEAN!
AH'M REPORTIN' TO THE BATTLE LORD NOW. MAYBE HE'S GOT IDEAS ON HOW TO FIX THIS MESS!

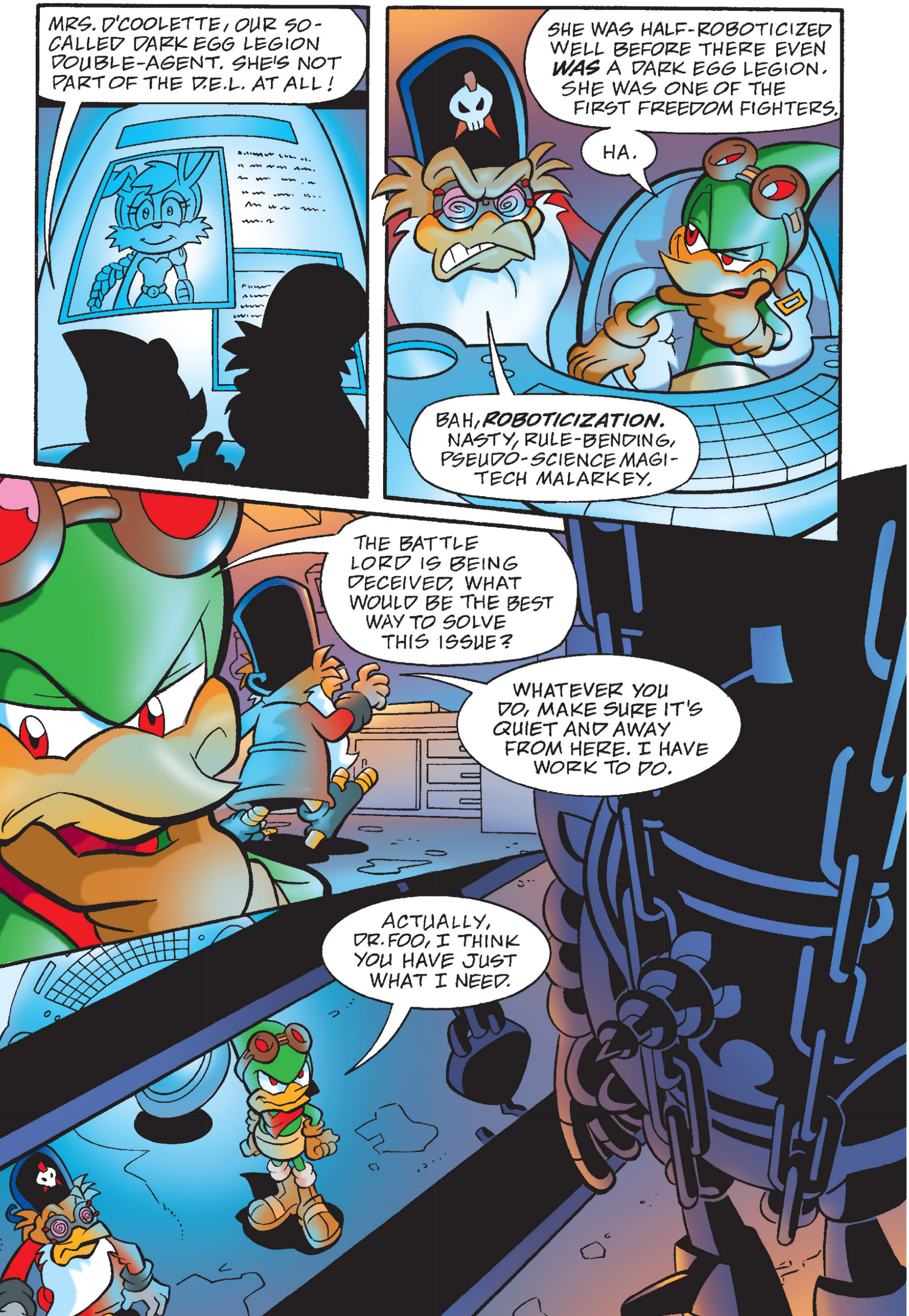

ZUT ALORS! ZAT WAS MAGNIFICENT! YOUR TIMING WAS IMPEACHABLE!
"IMPECCABLE".
OUI, ZAT, BUT OH, WHAT A CUNNING PLAN I CAME UP WITH IN JUST THE NICKING OF TIME!
UH-HUH. ANTOINE?
OUI?
GET OFF ME!
MILES "TAILS" PROWER YOUNG GENIUS
T-PUP LITTLE ROBOT HELPER
IS BUNNIE OKAY?
FOR NOW. SHE IS PRETENDING TO BE ZE SPY, I THINK. ZE ENEMY SEEMS TO TRUST HER, AND I DID NOT WANT TO BE BLOWING HER COVER. AND SO I MADE MY DARING LEAP INTO--!
--WHAT IS ZAT WEIRD LITTLE THING?
THIS IS T-PUP, A PET PROJECT OF MINE!

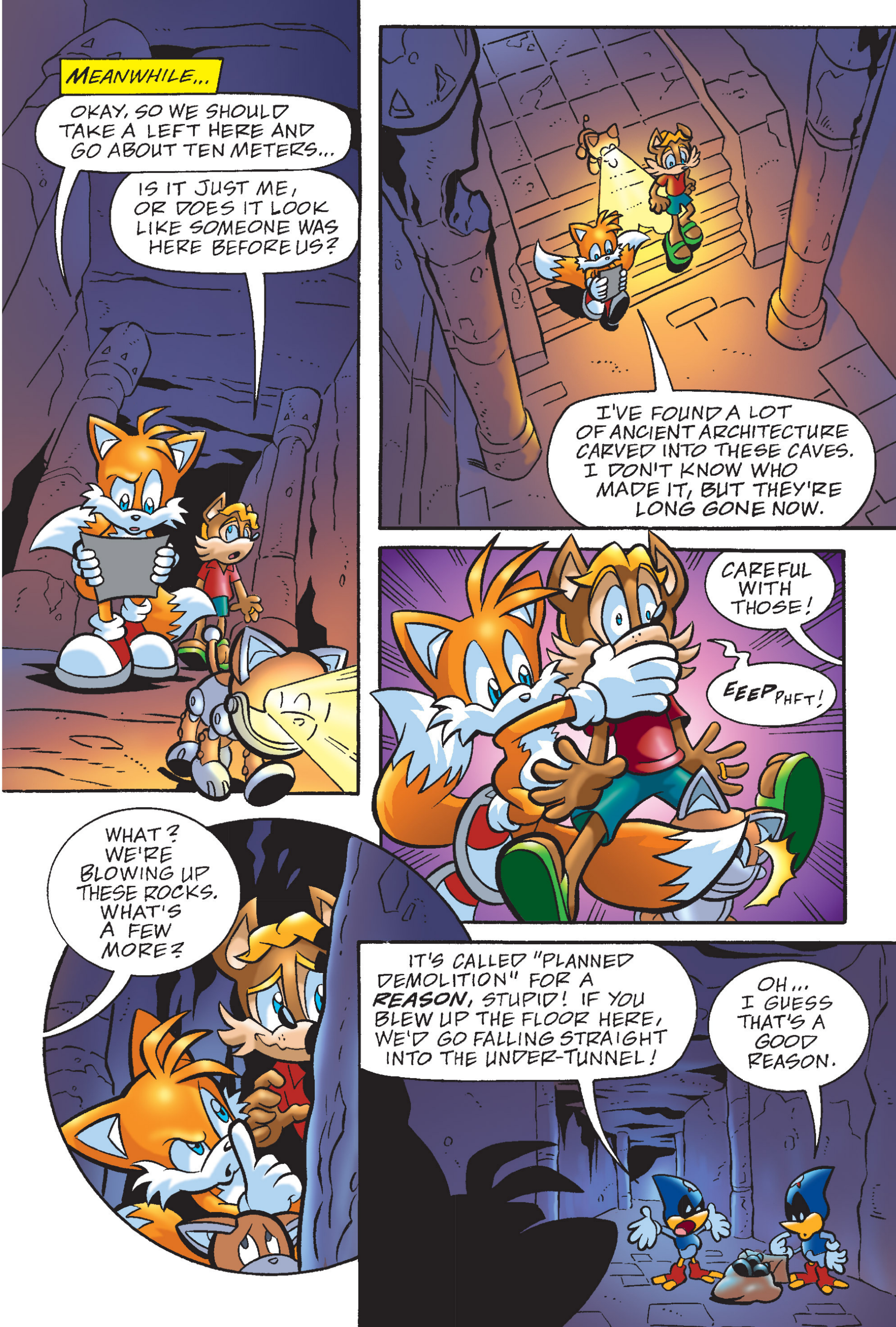

AH. VERY GOOD THEN. BUT NOW WE MUST BE FINDING OUR WAY BACK INTO ZE LAIR OF ZE VILLAINS.
UNFORTUNATELY, THE SEA FOX TOOK SOME DAMAGE, SO WE CAN'T USE IT TO ATTACK FROM UNDERWATER.
BREEEET!
BUT I THINK I FOUND AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL THAT CONNECTS TO THIS ISLAND'S CAVE NETWORK. WE'LL SNEAK IN THROUGH THERE.
ZAT SOUNDS LIKE A SOLID PLAN TO ME. BRAVO, TAILS!
THANKS!

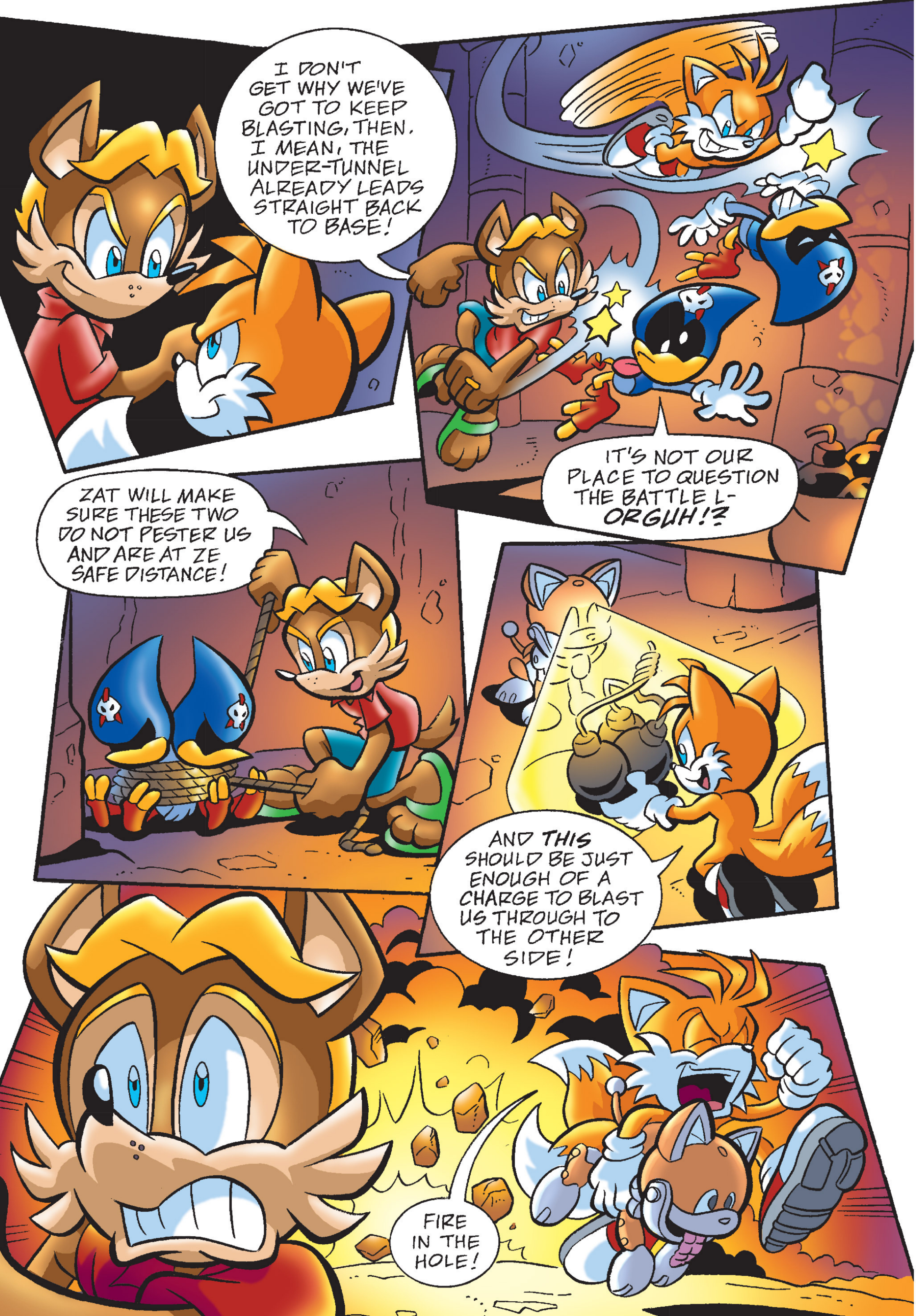

IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKE IT WAS SO LONG AGO THAT YOU WERE JUST ZE JUNIOR MEMBER OF ZE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. AND NOW YOU ARE MAKING ZE GRAND PLANS!
AH, WELL, I HAD GOOD TRAINING...
SO YOUNG, SO LITTLE, SO INEXPERIENCED. ABOUT AS 'ELPLESS AS I WAS IN MY LESS GLORIOUS DAYS, I WILL BE ADMITTING.
RIGHT... T-PUP, START SCANNING FOR THE NEAREST CAVERN ENTRANCE.
YIP!
OH-HO-HO! AND DO YOU NOT RECALL ZA TIME YOU TOOK YOUR SEA FOX TO DOWNUNDA? LITTLE TAILS--SO INDIGNANT! YOU WERE OUT TO SHOW US WHAT, NON?
UH-HUH.
BUT OF COURSE YOU WERE BITING WHAT YOU COULD NOT CHEW, NON? YOU HAD TO BE RESCUED... JUST ZE ONCE? TWICE? I AM REMEMBERING YOU SAID YOU MET TWO DIFFERENT TEAMS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS...*
ANTOINE...
*SEE THE CLASSIC TAILS MINI-SERIES, COLLECTED IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 8!
I AM NOT MAKING ZE FUN! YOU HAVE FOUGHT BRAVELY AND TRULY AND ARE A BIG BOY NOW! WHO IS ZE MANLY MAN? YOU ARE! YES YOU ARE!

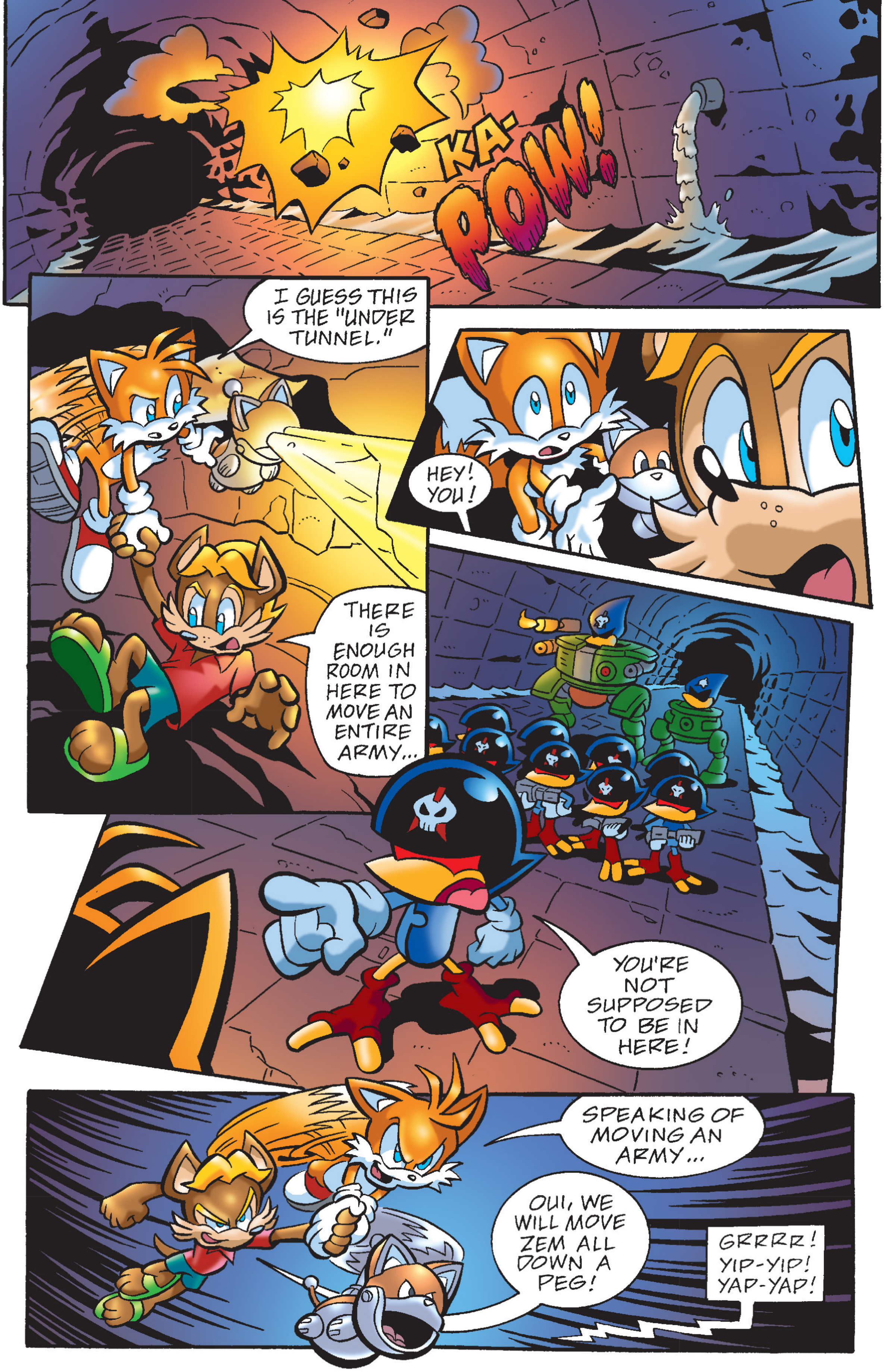

ANTOINE! HOW. ABOUT. WE. LOOK. FOR. A. WAY. INTO. THE. BASE. AND. HELP. BUNNIE?
Hmm? BUT OF COURSE, THAT IS WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW, MM?
OH! I AM GETTING IT! YOU ARE BEING ZE MODEST HERO! I AM MAKING YOU BLUSH!
YEAH, RIGHT ON THE MONEY, 'TWAN.
YIP-YIP!
T-PUP FOUND OUR WAY IN! GOOD BOY!
Erm... OUI. GOOD BOY.
WE **HAVE** TO BE GOING IN THERE, YES? THERE IS NO OTHER WAY?
THAT'S RIGHT. JUST FOLLOW ME.
OUI... GULP! I WILL BE DOING JUST ZAT. BUT... ZEY ARE BIRDS...
"...WHY ARE WE GOING **UNDERGROUND** TO FIND THEM?!"
I NEED TO USE YOUR COMPUTER, DOCTOR.
DR. FUKUROKOV MAD SCIENTIST

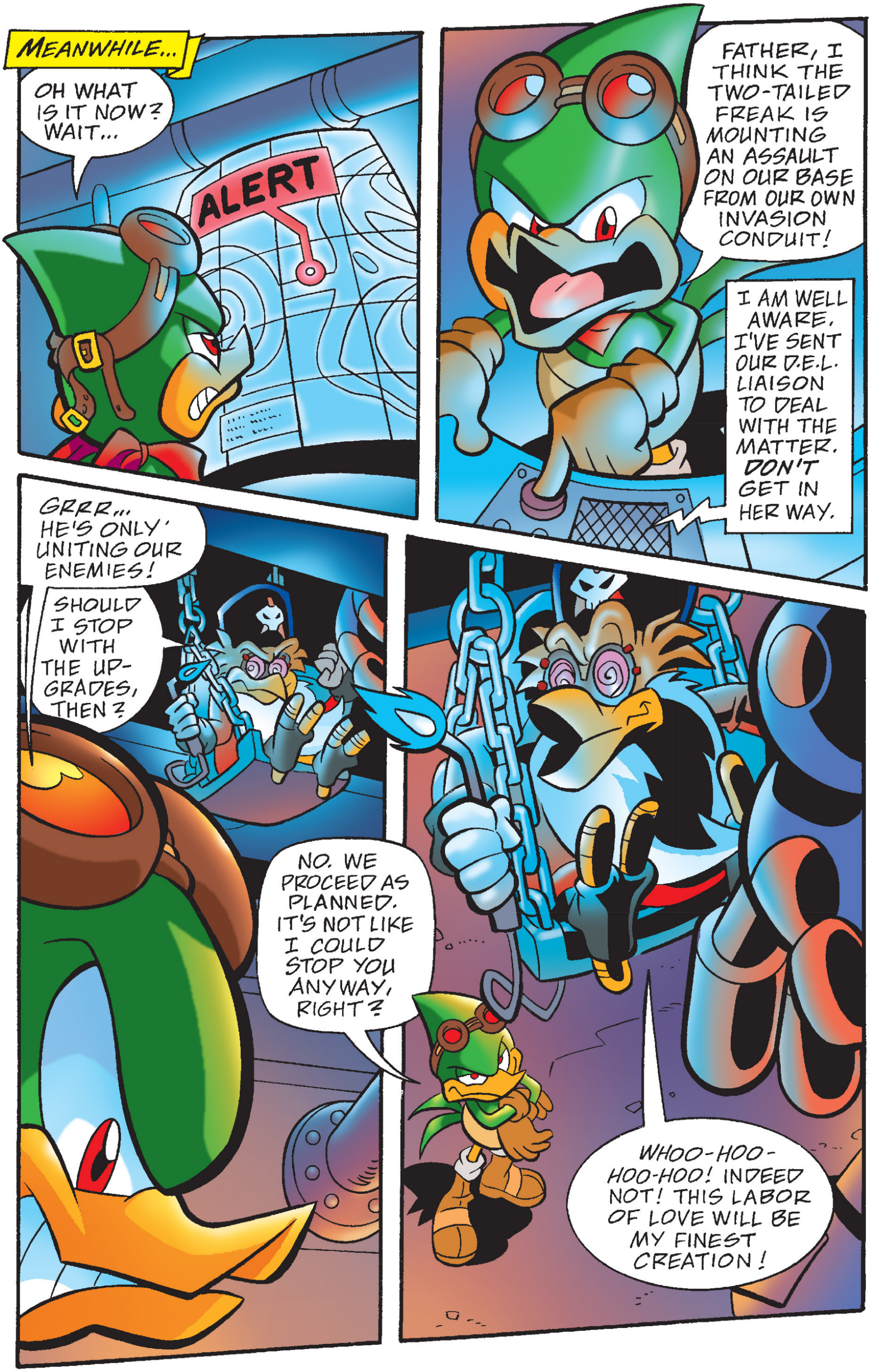

OH, SURE, COME ON IN! IT'S NOT LIKE I'M BUSY OR ANYTHING! IT'S NOT AS THOUGH I VALUE SOME PEACE AND QUIET WHILE I DO MY WORK!
I SWEAR, I GET NO RESPECT AROUND HERE! PEOPLE DON'T EVEN CALL ME BY MY NAME, JUST "DOCTOR". I BET YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER IT!
EGG NET DATABASE
OF COURSE I DO!
THEN SAY IT!
FU... FOO-FOO... FRUCTO...
LOOK, I KNOW IT, I JUST CAN'T PRONOUNCE IT!
NO RESPECT! WHY DO I EVEN BOTHER WASTING MY GENIUS HERE?!
BECAUSE WITHOUT IT, I WOULDN'T HAVE FOUND WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.
Eh? WHAT DID YOU FIND?

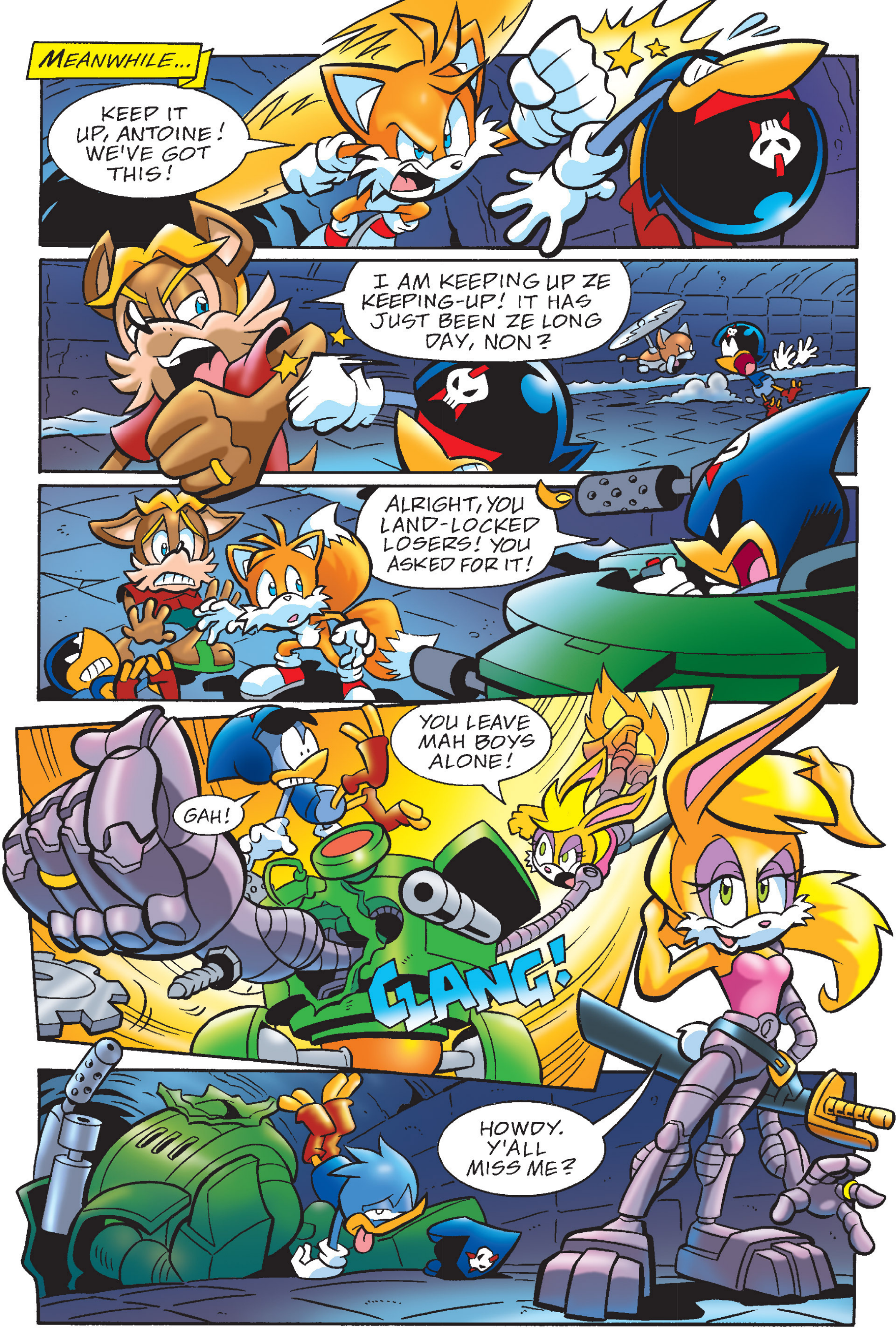

MRS. D'COOLETTE, OUR SO-CALLED DARK EGG LEGION DOUBLE-AGENT. SHE'S NOT PART OF THE D.E.L. AT ALL!
SHE WAS HALF-ROBOTICIZED WELL BEFORE THERE EVEN **WAS** A DARK EGG LEGION. SHE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
HA.
BAH, **ROBOTICIZATION.** NASTY, RULE-BENDING, PSEUDO-SCIENCE MAGI-TECH MALARKEY.
THE BATTLE LORD IS BEING DECEIVED. WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE?
WHATEVER YOU DO, MAKE SURE IT'S QUIET AND AWAY FROM HERE. I HAVE WORK TO DO.
ACTUALLY, DR. FOO, I THINK YOU HAVE JUST WHAT I NEED.

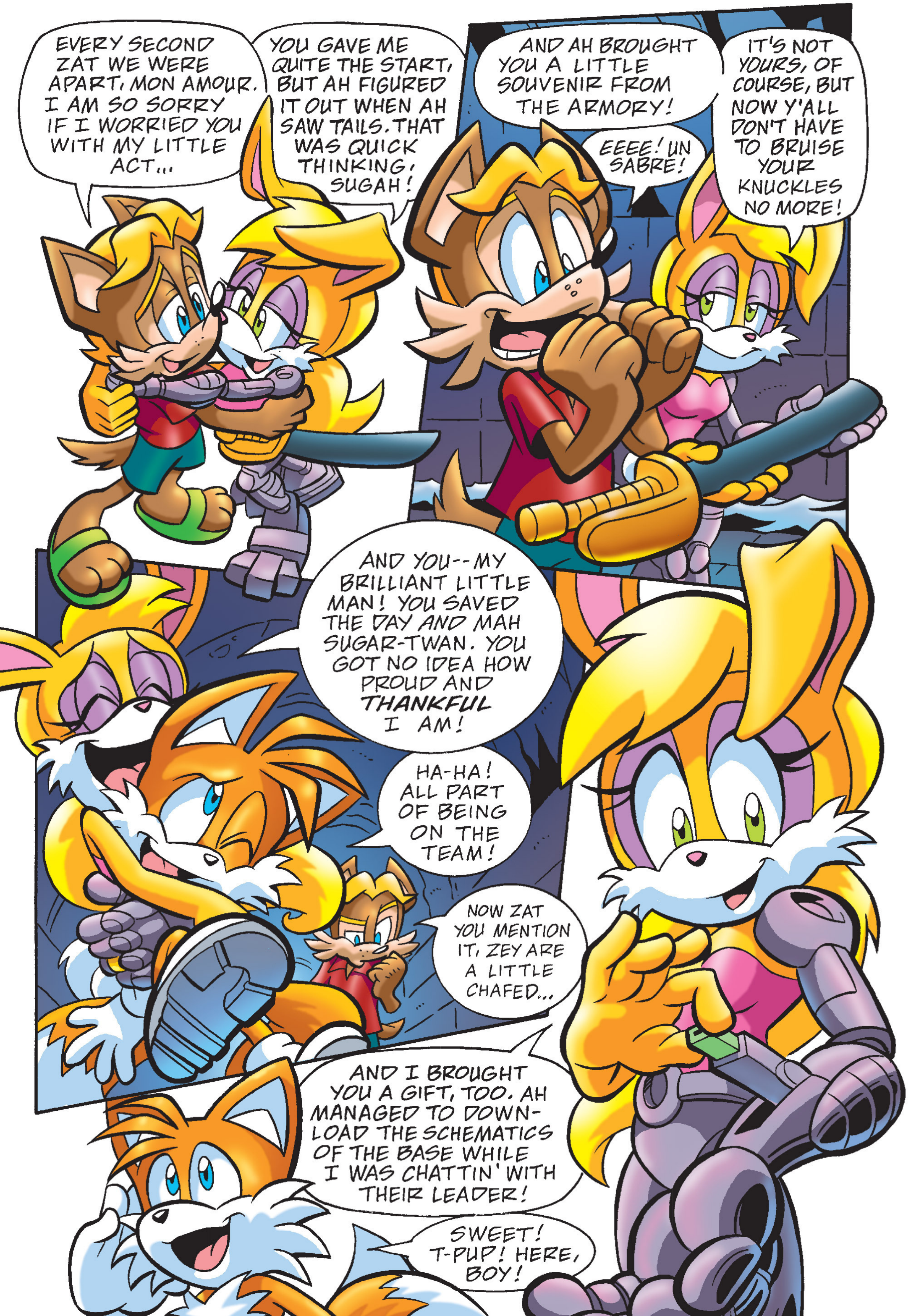

MEANWHILE...
OKAY, SO WE SHOULD TAKE A LEFT HERE AND GO ABOUT TEN METERS...
IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES IT LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WAS HERE BEFORE US?
I'VE FOUND A LOT OF ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE CARVED INTO THESE CAVES. I DON'T KNOW WHO MADE IT, BUT THEY'RE LONG GONE NOW.
CAREFUL WITH THOSE!
EEEP PHFT!
WHAT? WE'RE BLOWING UP THESE ROCKS. WHAT'S A FEW MORE?
IT'S CALLED "PLANNED DEMOLITION" FOR A REASON, STUPID! IF YOU BLEW UP THE FLOOR HERE, WE'D GO FALLING STRAIGHT INTO THE UNDER-TUNNEL!
OH... I GUESS THAT'S A GOOD REASON.

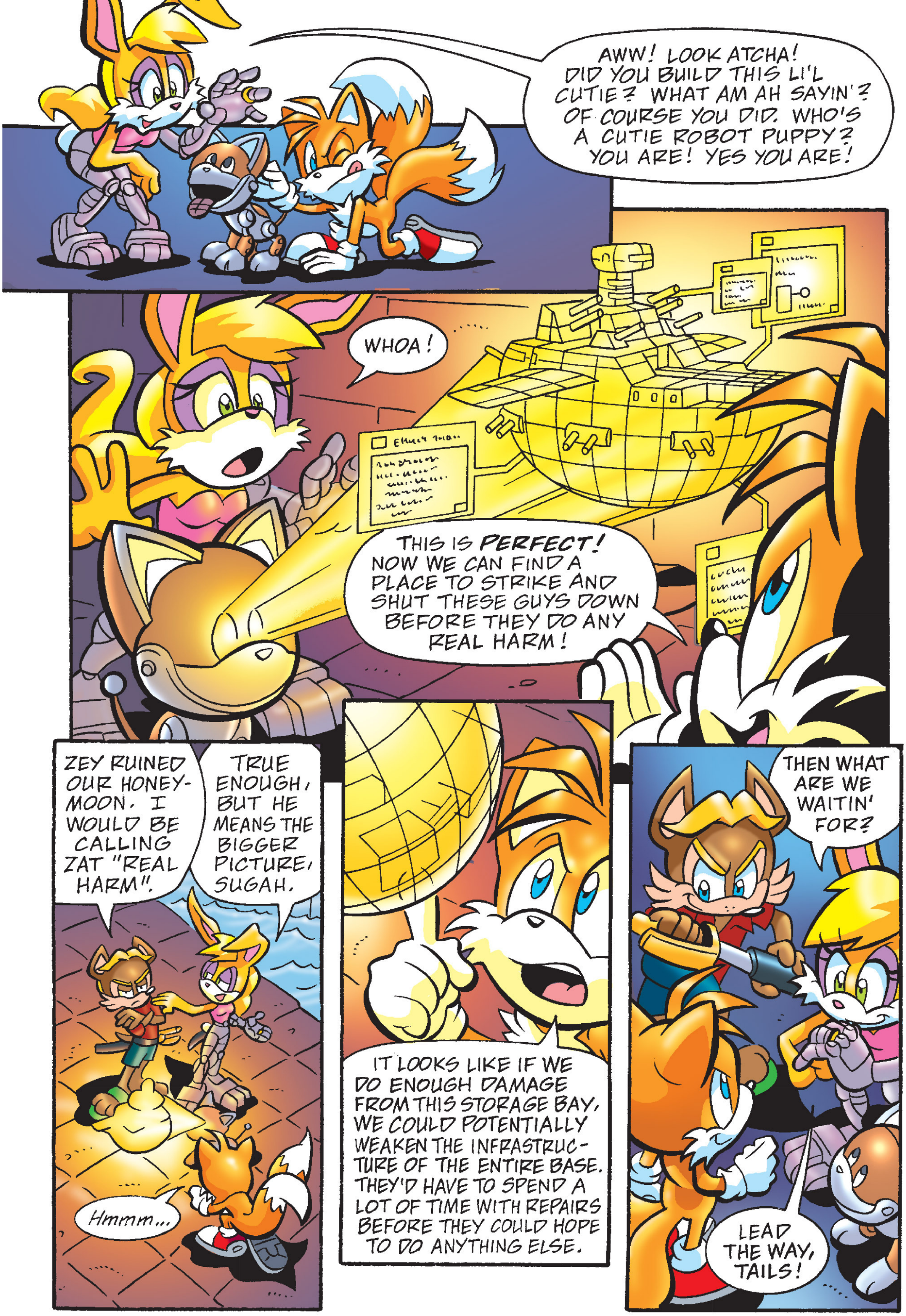

I DON'T GET WHY WE'VE GOT TO KEEP BLASTING, THEN. I MEAN, THE UNDER-TUNNEL ALREADY LEADS STRAIGHT BACK TO BASE!
IT'S NOT OUR PLACE TO QUESTION THE BATTLE L- ORGUH!?
ZAT WILL MAKE SURE THESE TWO DO NOT PESTER US AND ARE AT ZE SAFE DISTANCE!
AND THIS SHOULD BE JUST ENOUGH OF A CHARGE TO BLAST US THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE!
FIRE IN THE HOLE!

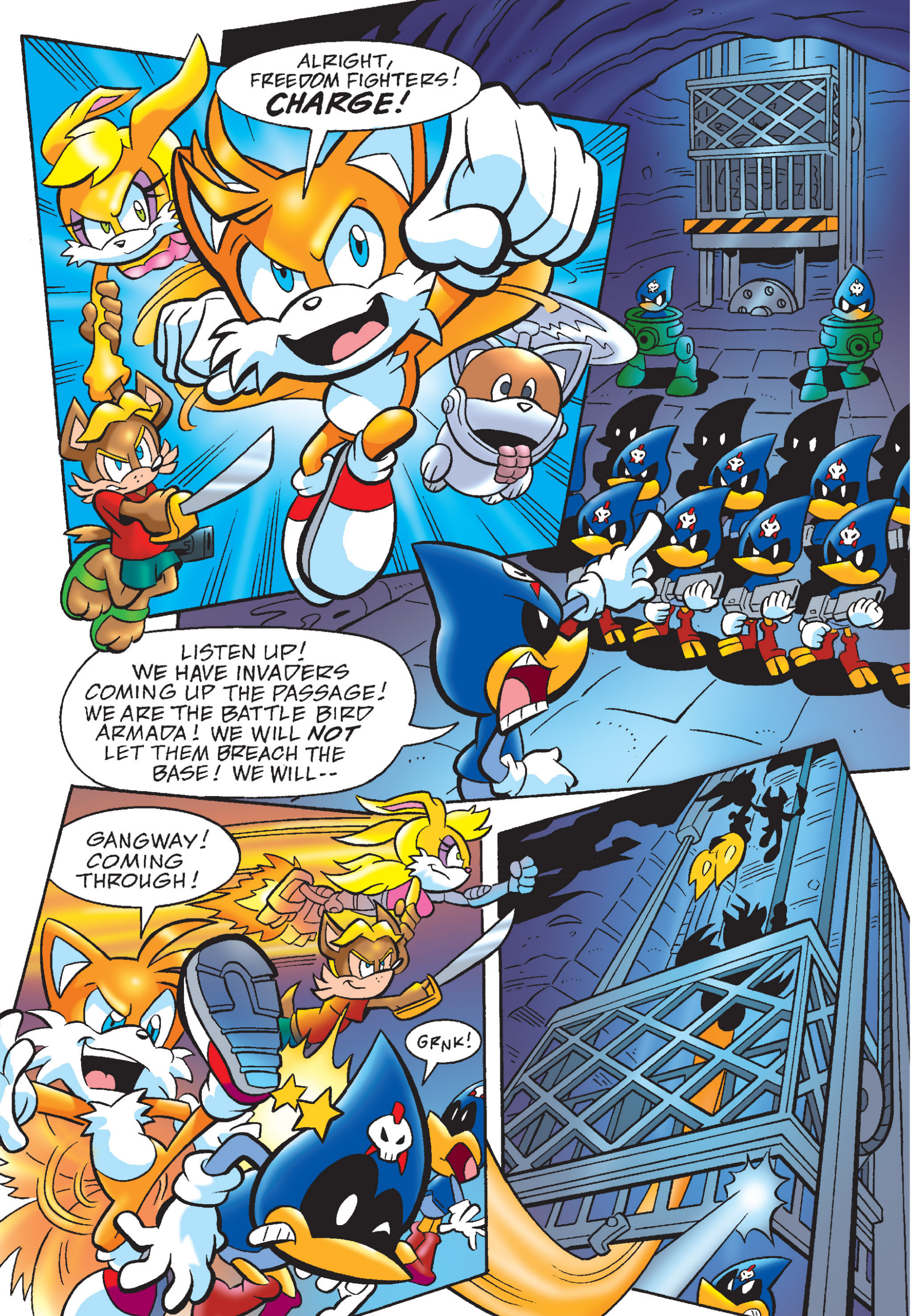

KA-POW!
I GUESS THIS IS THE "UNDER TUNNEL."
THERE IS ENOUGH ROOM IN HERE TO MOVE AN ENTIRE ARMY...
HEY! YOU!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN HERE!
SPEAKING OF MOVING AN ARMY...
OUI, WE WILL MOVE ZEM ALL DOWN A PEG!
GRRRR! YIP-YIP! YAP-YAP!

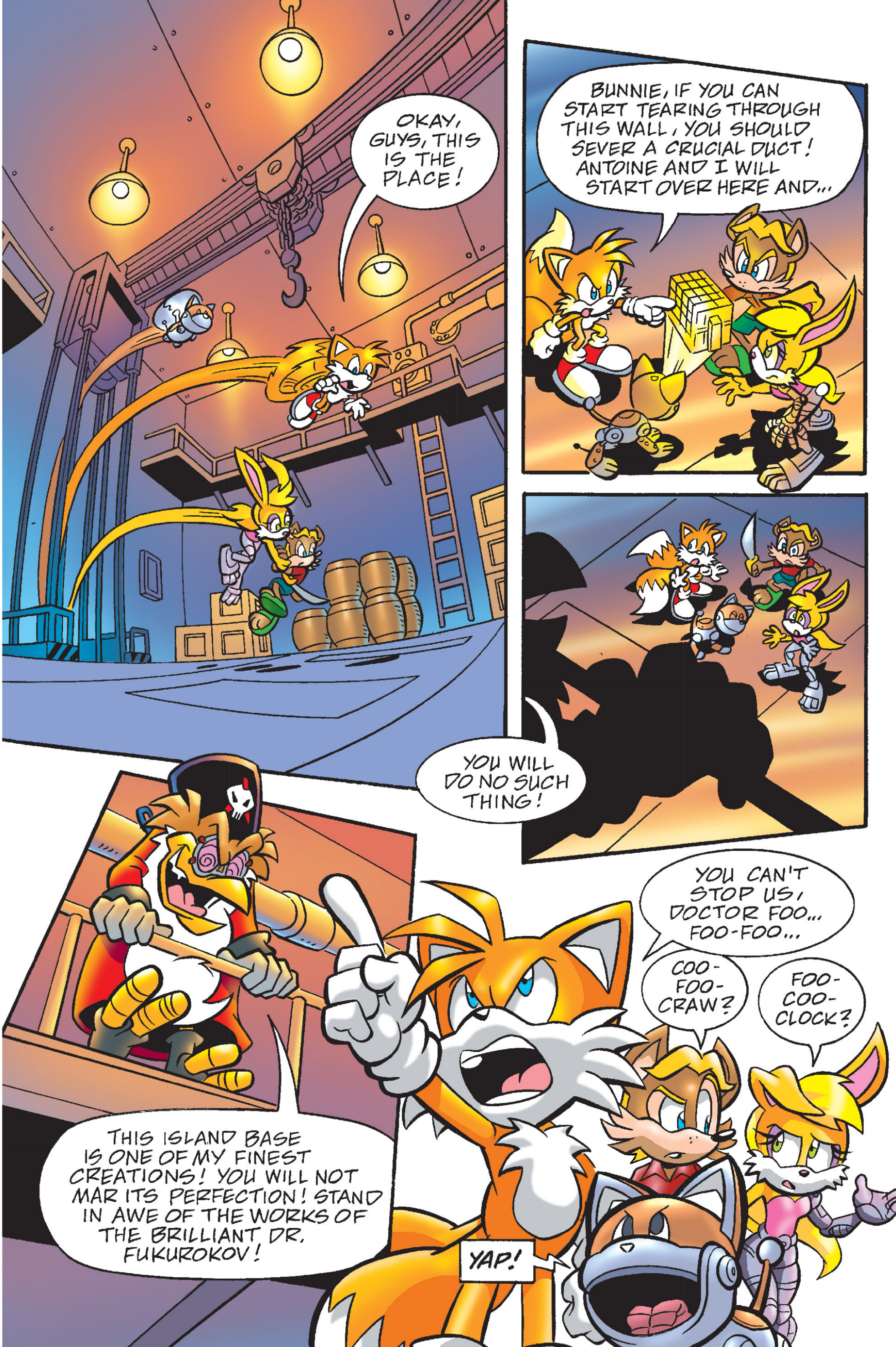

MEANWHILE...
OH WHAT IS IT NOW? WAIT...
ALERT
FATHER, I THINK THE TWO-TAILED FREAK IS MOUNTING AN ASSAULT ON OUR BASE FROM OUR OWN INVASION CONDUIT!
I AM WELL AWARE. I'VE SENT OUR D.E.L. LIAISON TO DEAL WITH THE MATTER. *DON'T* GET IN HER WAY.
GRRR... HE'S ONLY UNITING OUR ENEMIES!
SHOULD I STOP WITH THE UPGRADES, THEN?
NO. WE PROCEED AS PLANNED. IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD STOP YOU ANYWAY, RIGHT?
WHOO-HOO-HOO-HOO! INDEED NOT! THIS LABOR OF LOVE WILL BE MY FINEST CREATION!

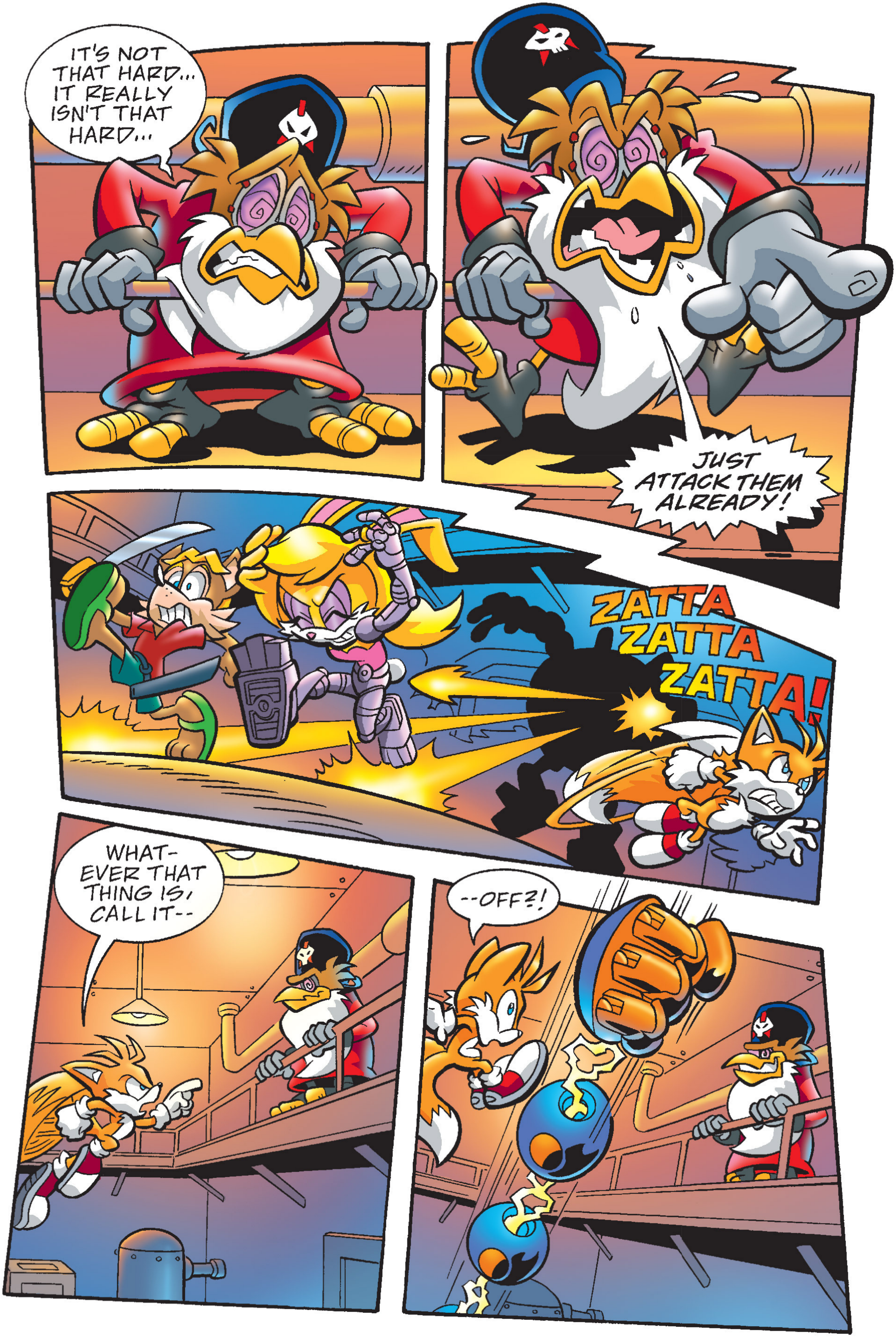

MEANWHILE...
KEEP IT UP, ANTOINE! WE'VE GOT THIS!
I AM KEEPING UP ZE KEEPING-UP! IT HAS JUST BEEN ZE LONG DAY, NON?
ALRIGHT, YOU LAND-LOCKED LOSERS! YOU ASKED FOR IT!
YOU LEAVE MAH BOYS ALONE!
GAH!
CLANG!
HOWDY. Y'ALL MISS ME?

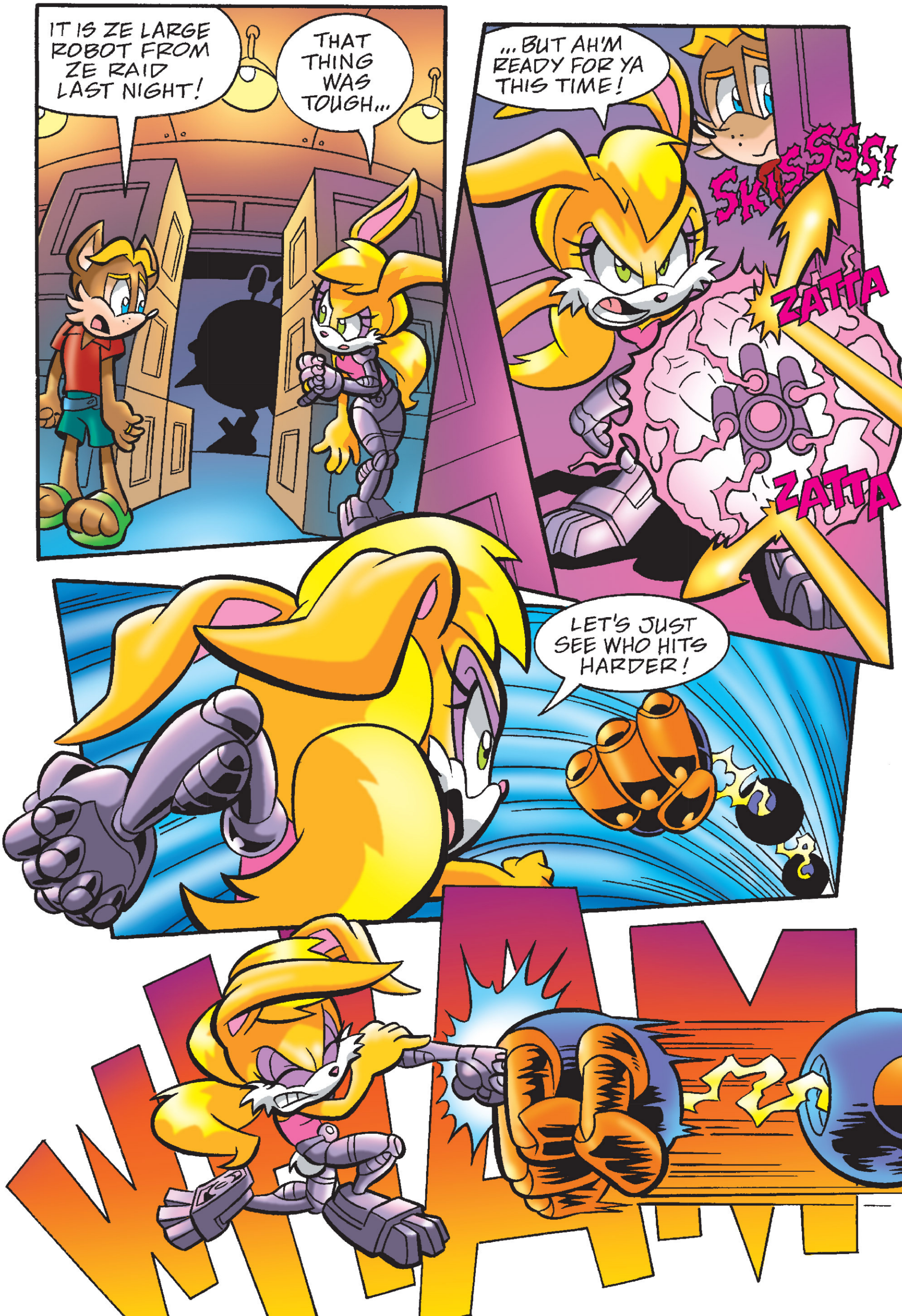

EVERY SECOND ZAT WE WERE APART, MON AMOUR. I AM SO SORRY IF I WORRIED YOU WITH MY LITTLE ACT...
YOU GAVE ME QUITE THE START, BUT AH FIGURED IT OUT WHEN AH SAW TAILS. THAT WAS QUICK THINKING, SUGAH!
AND AH BROUGHT YOU A LITTLE SOUVENIR FROM THE ARMORY!
EEEE! UN SABRE!
IT'S NOT YOURS, OF COURSE, BUT NOW Y'ALL DON'T HAVE TO BRUISE YOUR KNUCKLES NO MORE!
AND YOU--MY BRILLIANT LITTLE MAN! YOU SAVED THE DAY AND MAH SUGAR-TWAN. YOU GOT NO IDEA HOW PROUD AND THANKFUL I AM!
HA-HA! ALL PART OF BEING ON THE TEAM!
NOW ZAT YOU MENTION IT, ZEY ARE A LITTLE CHAFED...
AND I BROUGHT YOU A GIFT, TOO. AH MANAGED TO DOWNLOAD THE SCHEMATICS OF THE BASE WHILE I WAS CHATTIN' WITH THEIR LEADER!
SWEET! T-PUP! HERE, BOY!

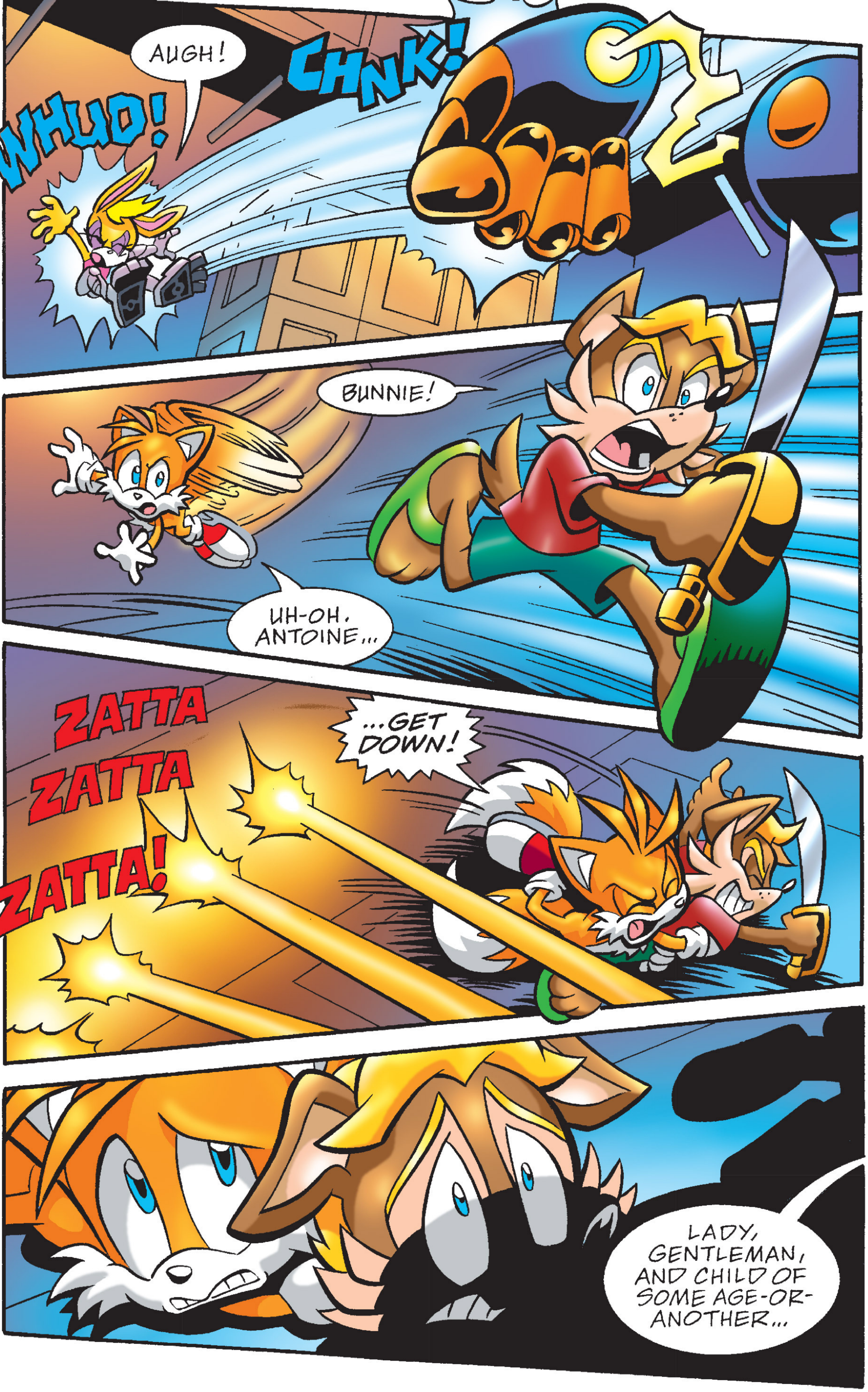

AWW! LOOK ATCHA! DID YOU BUILD THIS LI'L CUTIE? WHAT AM AH SAYIN'? OF COURSE YOU DID. WHO'S A CUTIE ROBOT PUPPY? YOU ARE! YES YOU ARE!
WHOA!
THIS IS **PERFECT!** NOW WE CAN FIND A PLACE TO STRIKE AND SHUT THESE GUYS DOWN BEFORE THEY DO ANY REAL HARM!
ZEY RUINED OUR HONEYMOON. I WOULD BE CALLING ZAT "REAL HARM".
TRUE ENOUGH, BUT HE MEANS THE BIGGER PICTURE, SUGAH.
Hmmm...
IT LOOKS LIKE IF WE DO ENOUGH DAMAGE FROM THIS STORAGE BAY, WE COULD POTENTIALLY WEAKEN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE ENTIRE BASE. THEY'D HAVE TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH REPAIRS BEFORE THEY COULD HOPE TO DO ANYTHING ELSE.
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR?
LEAD THE WAY, TAILS!

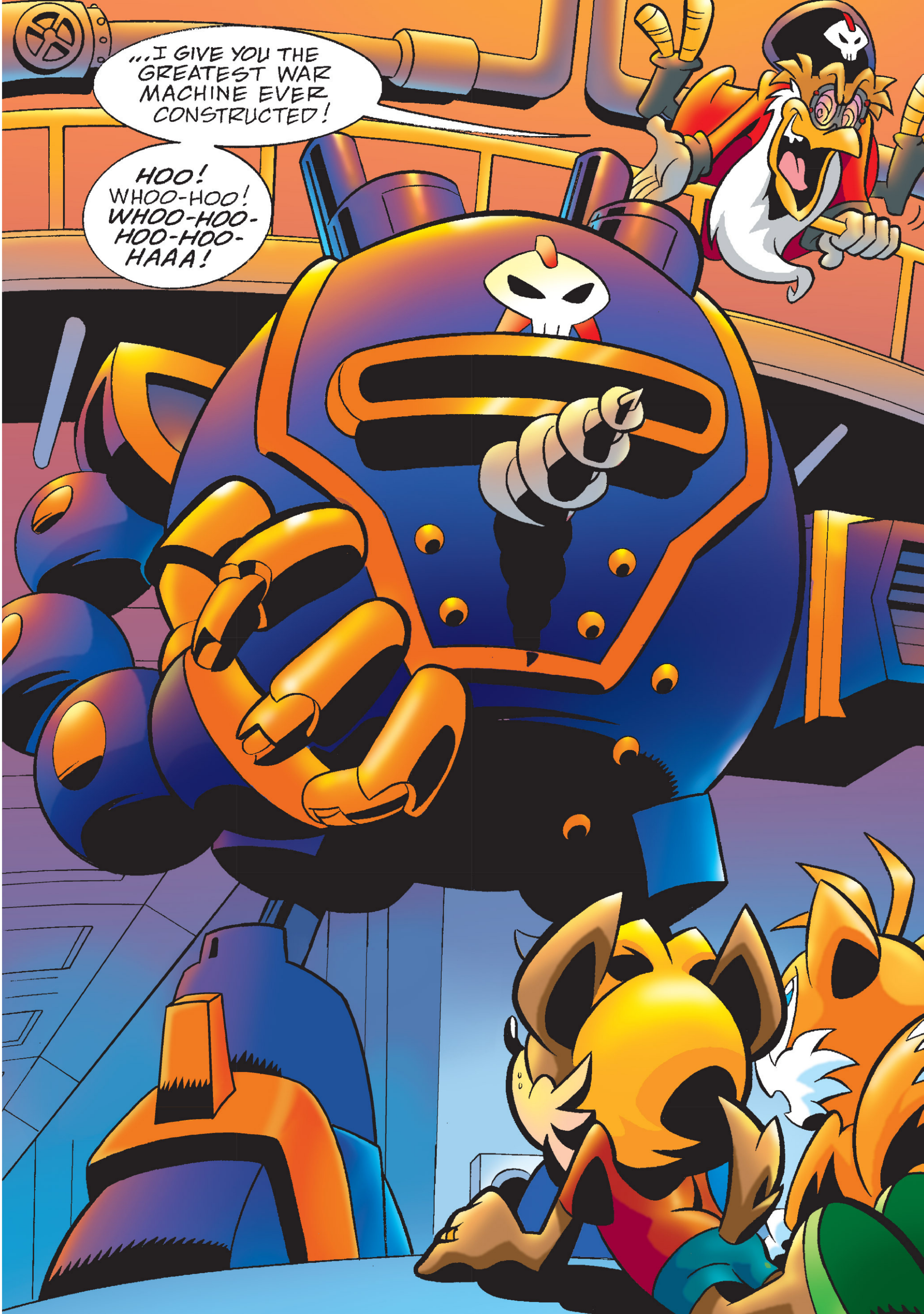

ALRIGHT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! **CHARGE!**
LISTEN UP! WE HAVE INVADERS COMING UP THE PASSAGE! WE ARE THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA! WE WILL **NOT** LET THEM BREACH THE BASE! WE WILL--
GANGWAY! COMING THROUGH!
GRNK!

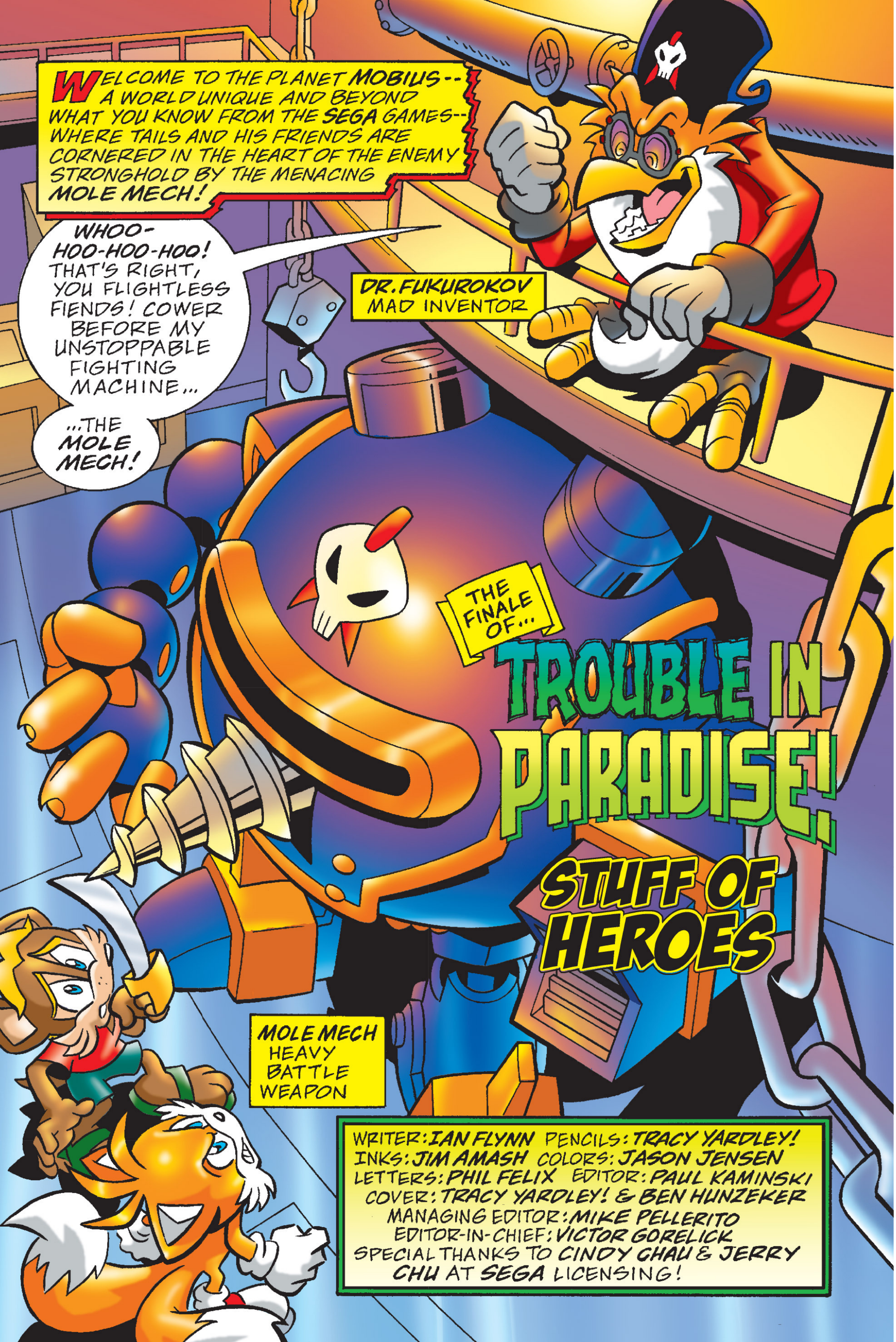

OKAY, GUYS, THIS IS THE PLACE!
BUNNIE, IF YOU CAN START TEARING THROUGH THIS WALL, YOU SHOULD SEVER A CRUCIAL DUCT! ANTOINE AND I WILL START OVER HERE AND...
YOU WILL DO NO SUCH THING!
THIS ISLAND BASE IS ONE OF MY FINEST CREATIONS! YOU WILL NOT MAR ITS PERFECTION! STAND IN AWE OF THE WORKS OF THE BRILLIANT DR. FUKUROKOV!
YOU CAN'T STOP US, DOCTOR FOO... FOO-FOO...
COO-FOO-CRAW?
FOO-COO-CLOCK?
YAP!


IT'S NOT THAT HARD... IT REALLY ISN'T THAT HARD...
JUST ATTACK THEM ALREADY!
ZATTA ZATTA ZATTA!
WHAT-EVER THAT THING IS, CALL IT--
--OFF?!


IT IS ZE LARGE ROBOT FROM ZE RAID LAST NIGHT!
THAT THING WAS TOUGH...
...BUT AH'M READY FOR YA THIS TIME!
SKISSSSS!
ZATTA
ZATTA
LET'S JUST SEE WHO HITS HARDER!
WHAM


AUGH!
WHUD!
CHNK!
BUNNIE!
UH-OH. ANTOINE...
...GET DOWN!
ZATTA
ZATTA
ZATTA!
LADY, GENTLEMAN, AND CHILD OF SOME AGE-OR-ANOTHER...


...I GIVE YOU THE GREATEST WAR MACHINE EVER CONSTRUCTED!
HOO! WHOO-HOO! WHOO-HOO-HOO-HOO-HAAA!


WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS-- A WORLD UNIQUE AND BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES-- WHERE TAILS AND HIS FRIENDS ARE CORNERED IN THE HEART OF THE ENEMY STRONGHOLD BY THE MENACING MOLE MECH!
WHOO-HOO-HOO-HOO! THAT'S RIGHT, YOU FLIGHTLESS FIENDS! COWER BEFORE MY UNSTOPPABLE FIGHTING MACHINE...
...THE MOLE MECH!
DR. FUKUROKOV MAD INVENTOR
MOLE MECH HEAVY BATTLE WEAPON

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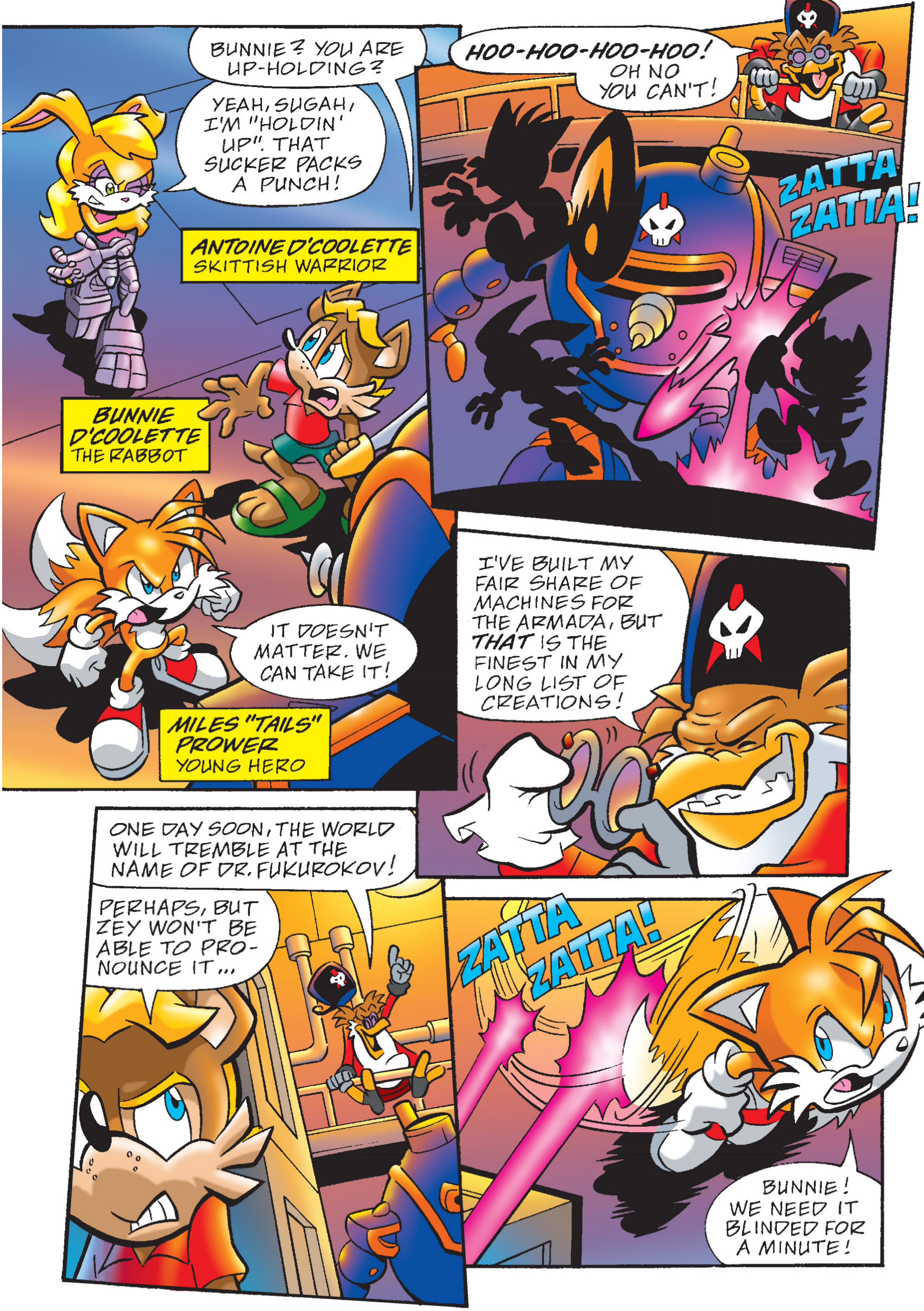
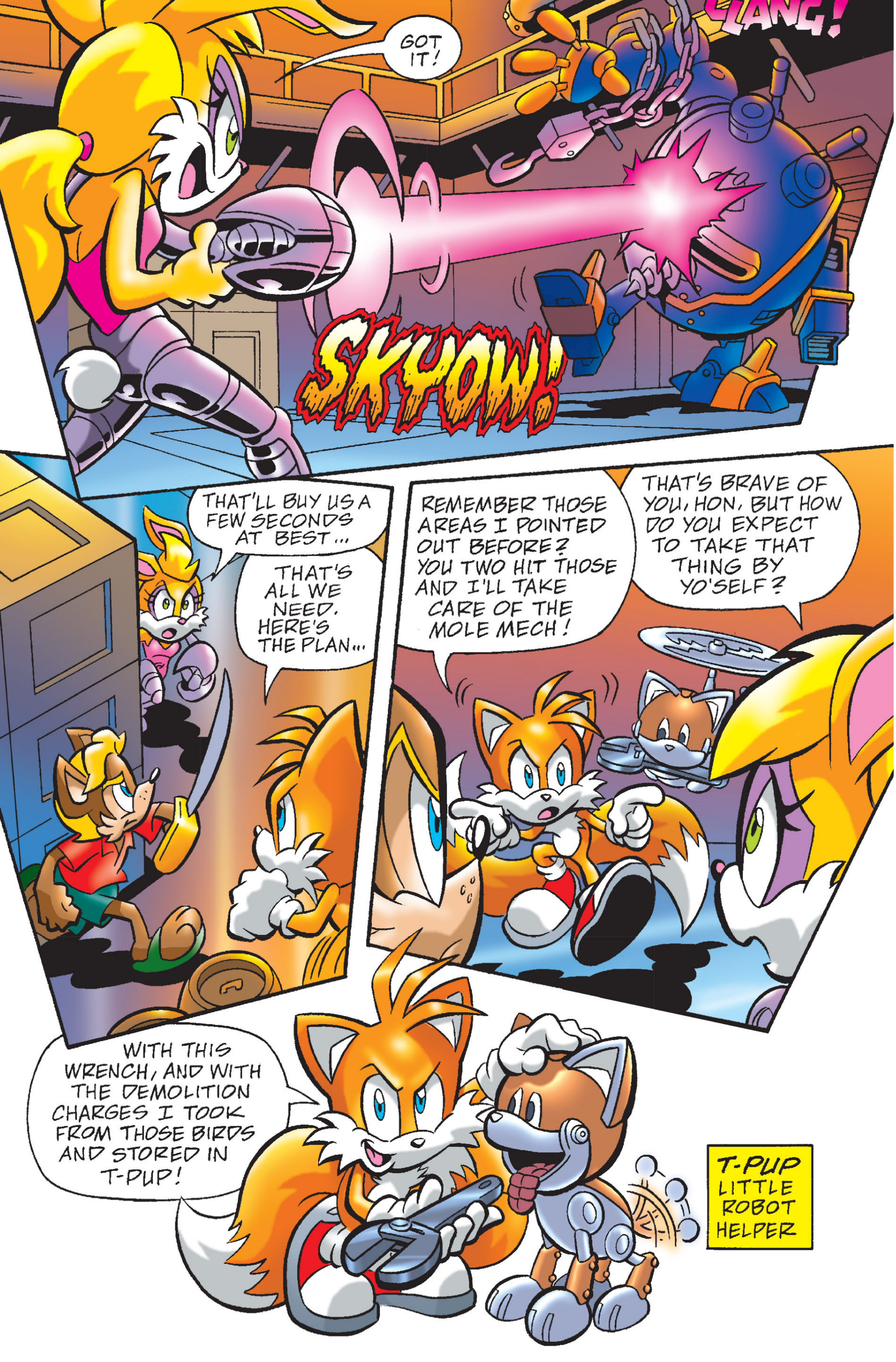
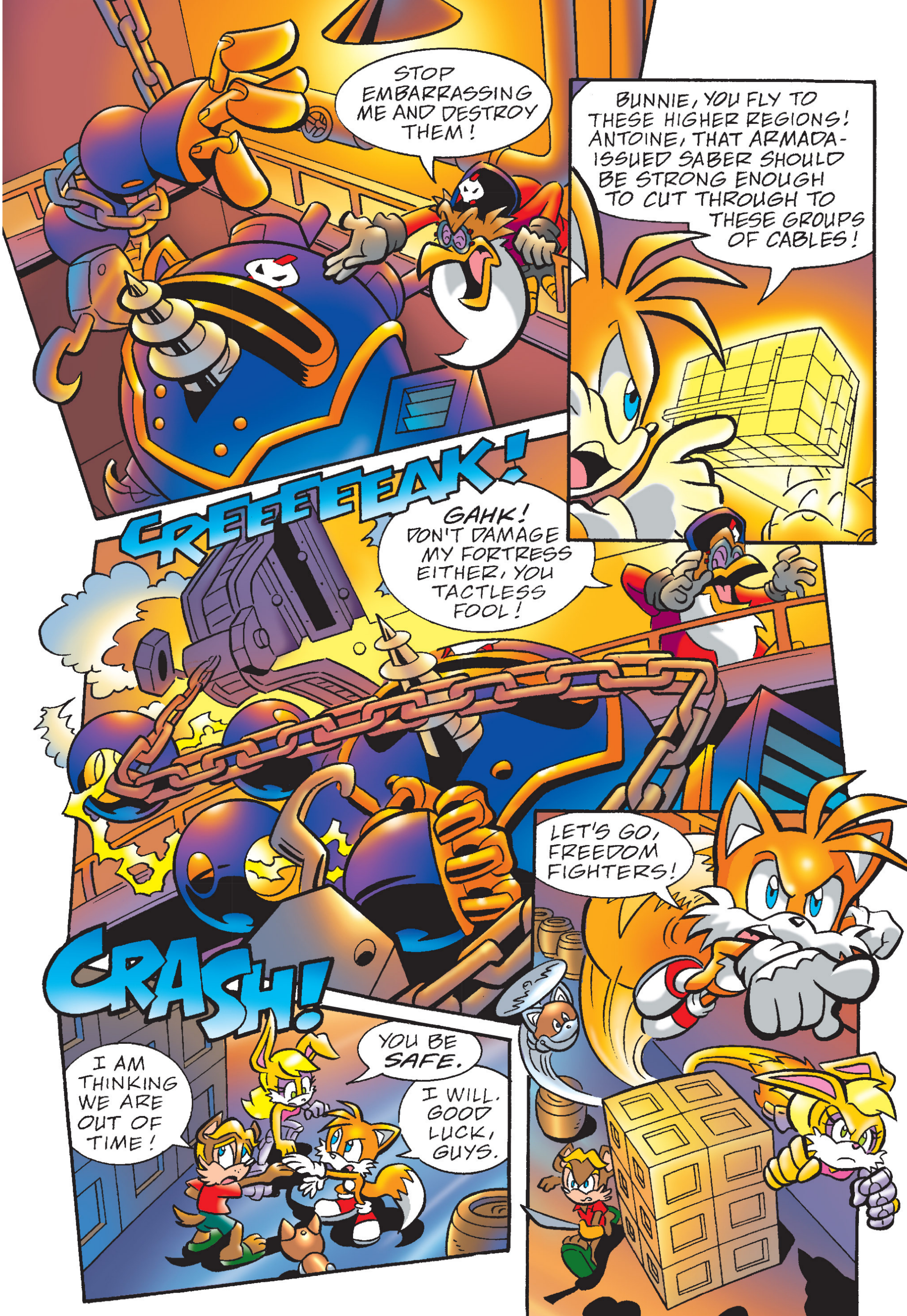
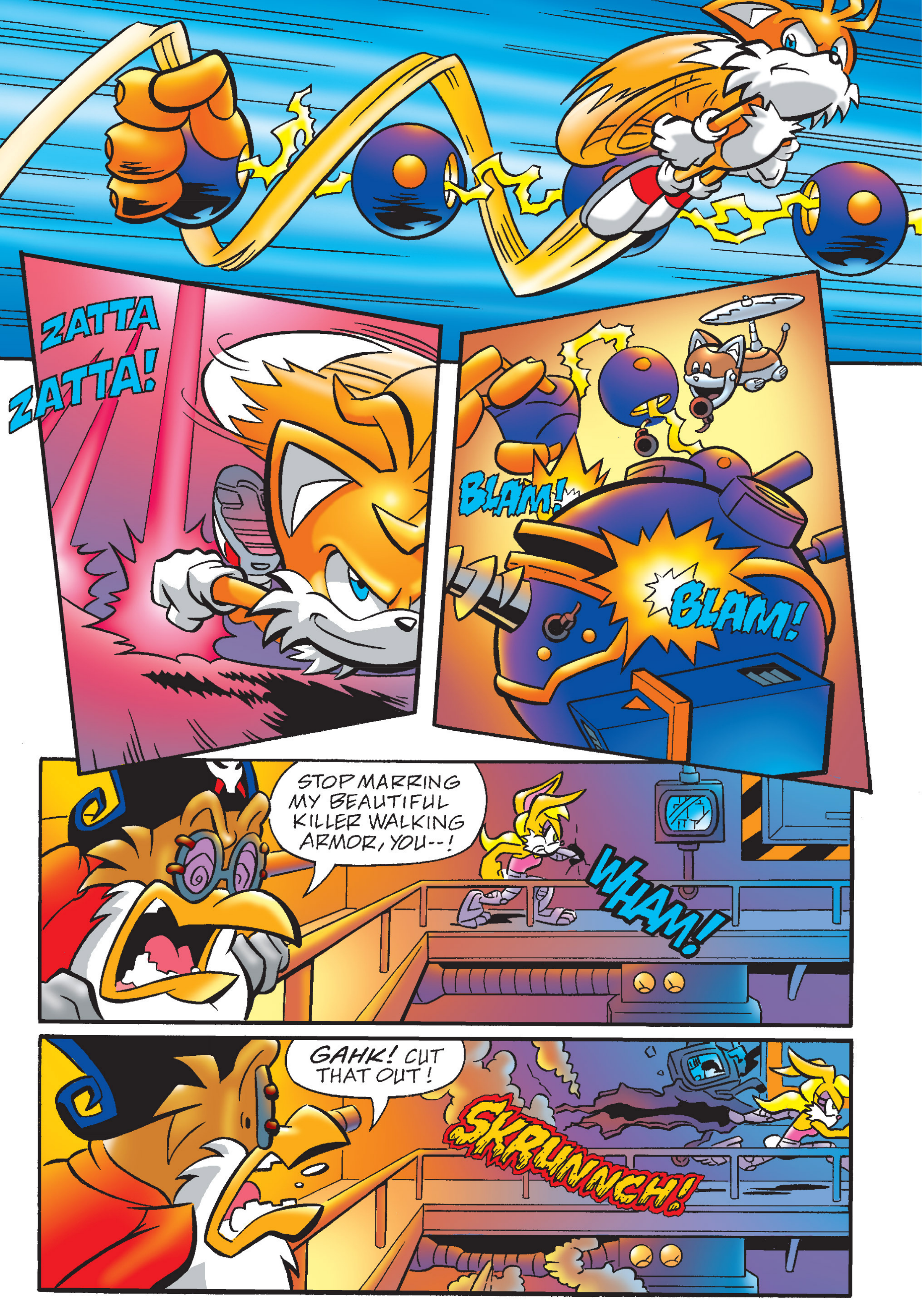
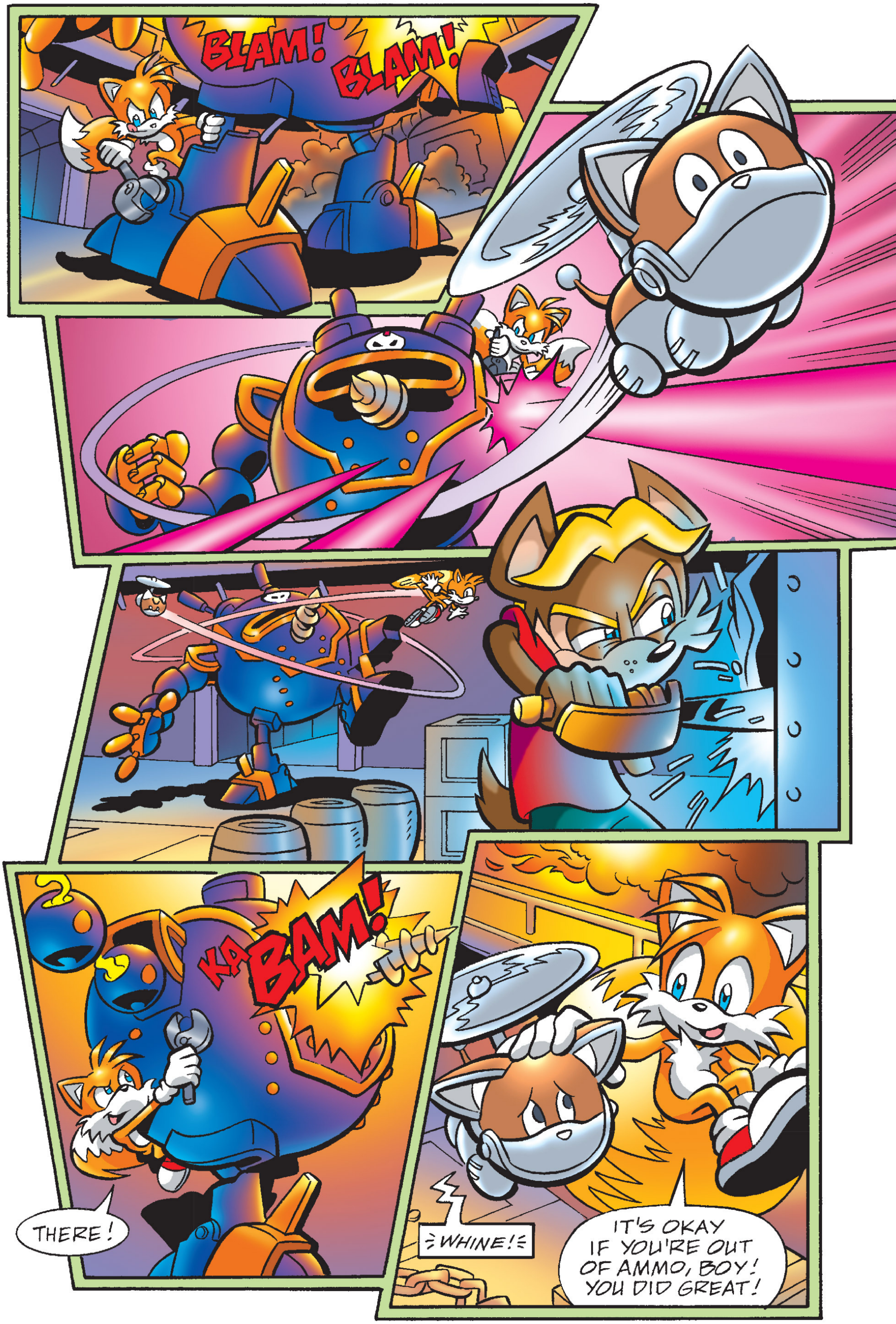
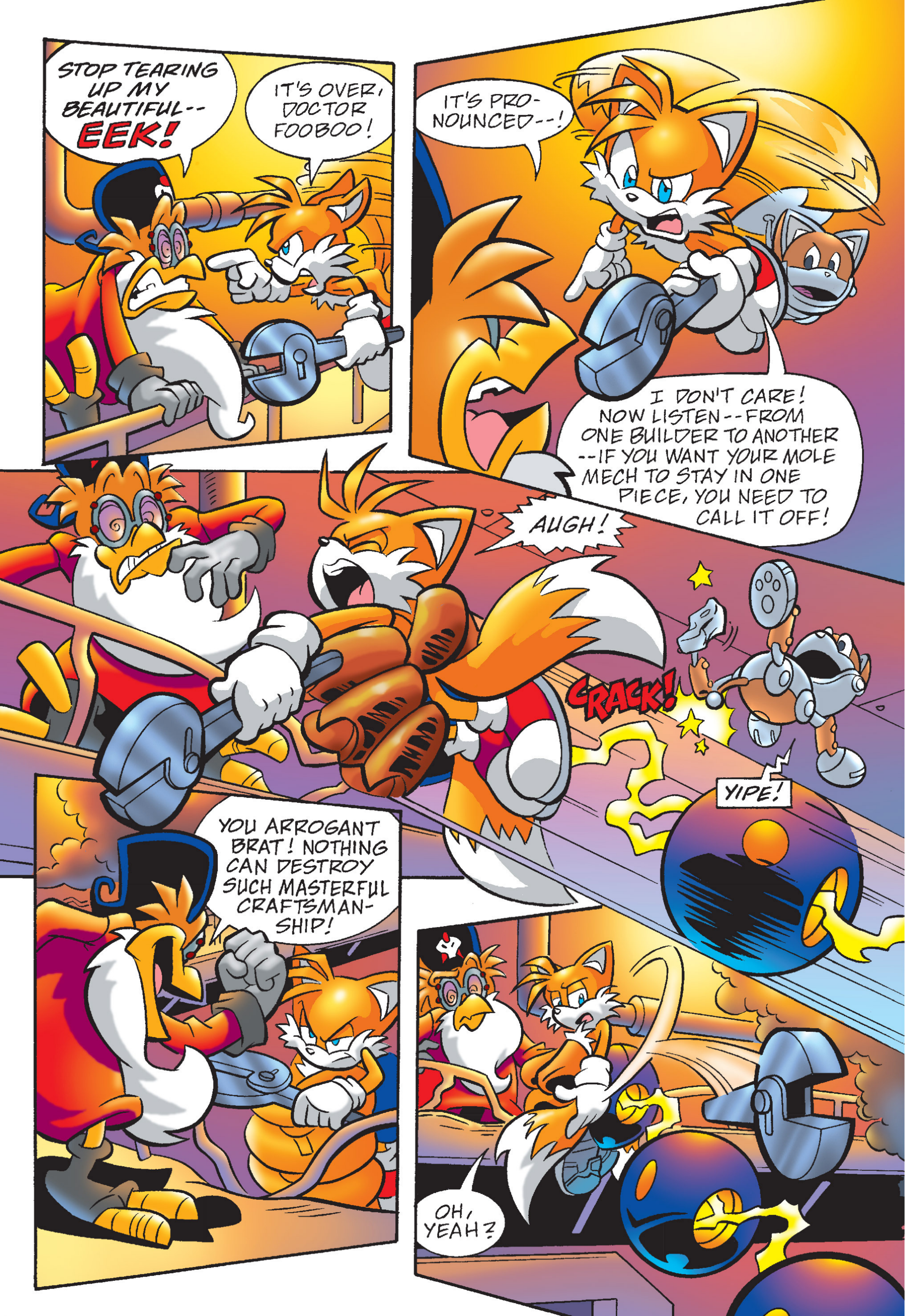

BUNNIE? YOU ARE UP-HOLDING?
YEAH, SUGAH, I'M "HOLDIN' UP". THAT SUCKER PACKS A PUNCH!
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE SKITTISH WARRIOR
BUNNIE D'COOLETTE THE RABBOT
IT DOESN'T MATTER. WE CAN TAKE IT!
MILES "TAILS" PROWER YOUNG HERO
HOO-HOO-HOO-HOO! OH NO YOU CAN'T!
ZATTA ZATTA!
I'VE BUILT MY FAIR SHARE OF MACHINES FOR THE ARMADA, BUT THAT IS THE FINEST IN MY LONG LIST OF CREATIONS!
ONE DAY SOON, THE WORLD WILL TREMBLE AT THE NAME OF DR. FUKUROKOV!
PERHAPS, BUT ZEY WON'T BE ABLE TO PRONOUNCE IT...
ZATTA ZATTA!
BUNNIE! WE NEED IT BLINDED FOR A MINUTE!

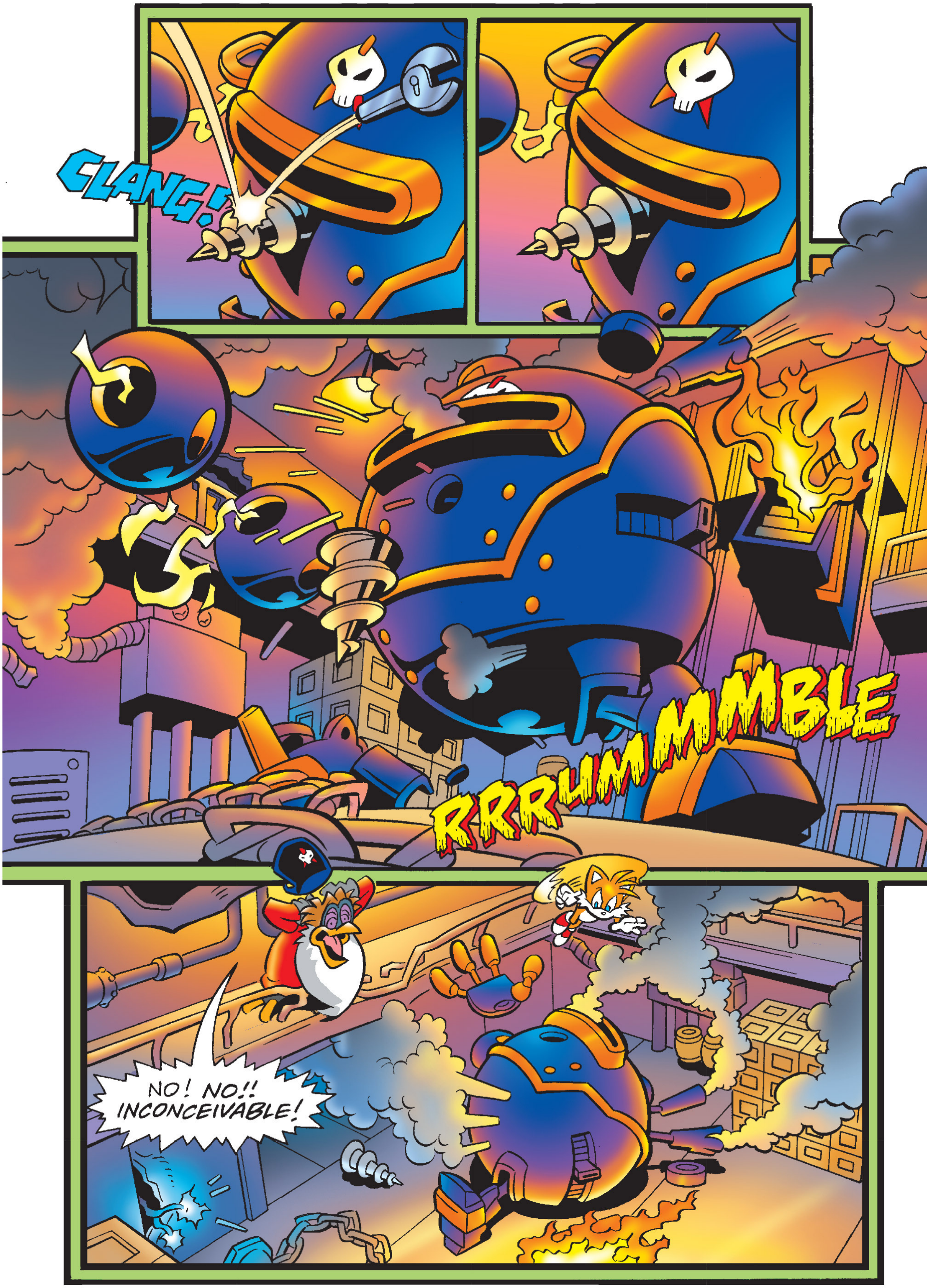

GOT IT!
CLANG!
SKYOW!
THAT'LL BUY US A FEW SECONDS AT BEST...
THAT'S ALL WE NEED. HERE'S THE PLAN...
REMEMBER THOSE AREAS I POINTED OUT BEFORE? YOU TWO HIT THOSE AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE MOLE MECH!
THAT'S BRAVE OF YOU, HON, BUT HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO TAKE THAT THING BY YO'SELF?
WITH THIS WRENCH, AND WITH THE DEMOLITION CHARGES I TOOK FROM THOSE BIRDS AND STORED IN T-PUP!
T-PUP LITTLE ROBOT HELPER

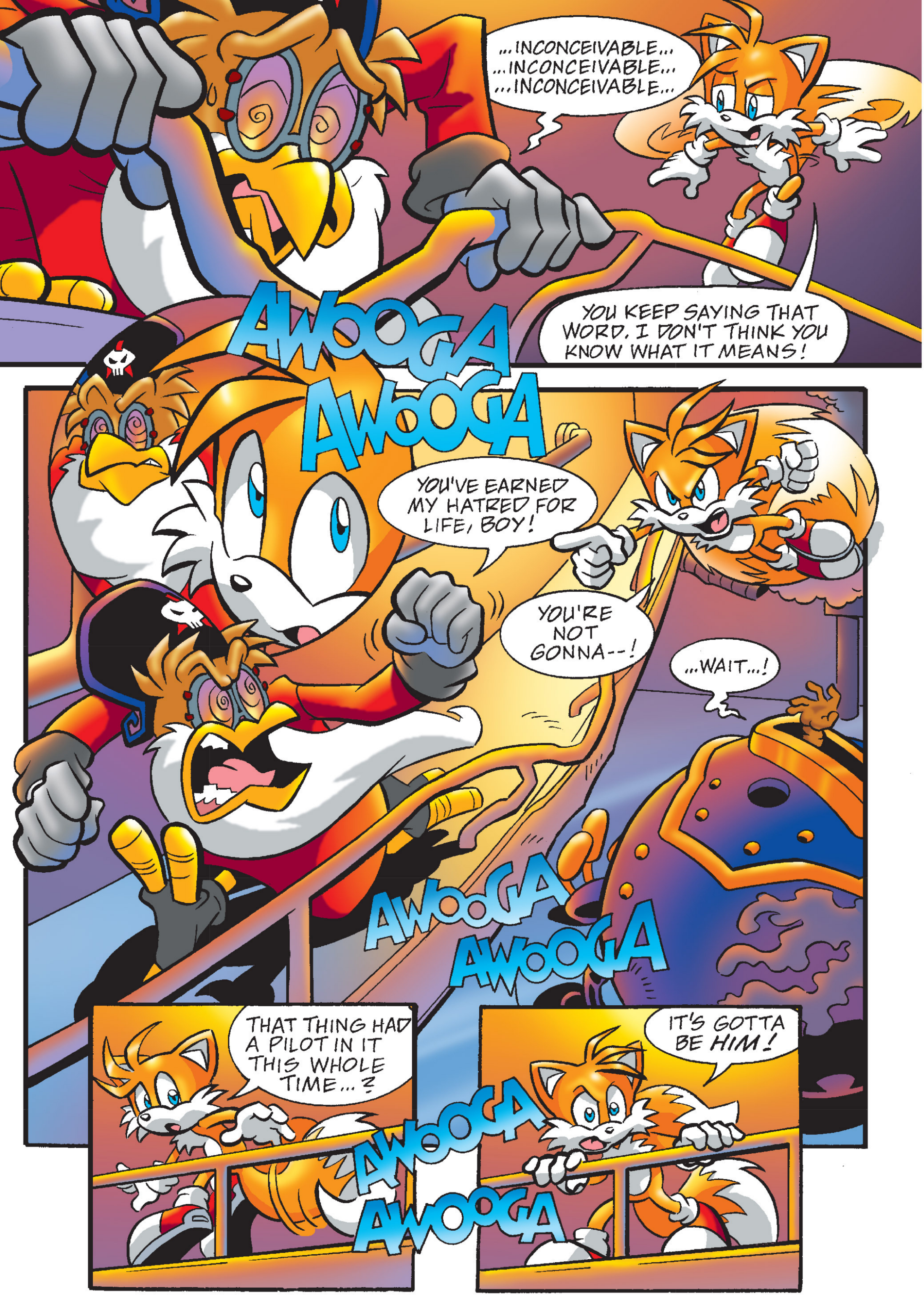

STOP EMBARRASSING ME AND DESTROY THEM!
BUNNIE, YOU FLY TO THESE HIGHER REGIONS! ANTOINE, THAT ARMADA-ISSUED SABER SHOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO CUT THROUGH TO THESE GROUPS OF CABLES!
CREEEEEEAK!
GAHK! DON'T DAMAGE MY FORTRESS EITHER, YOU TACTLESS FOOL!
CRASH!
I AM THINKING WE ARE OUT OF TIME!
YOU BE SAFE.
I WILL. GOOD LUCK, GUYS.
LET'S GO, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

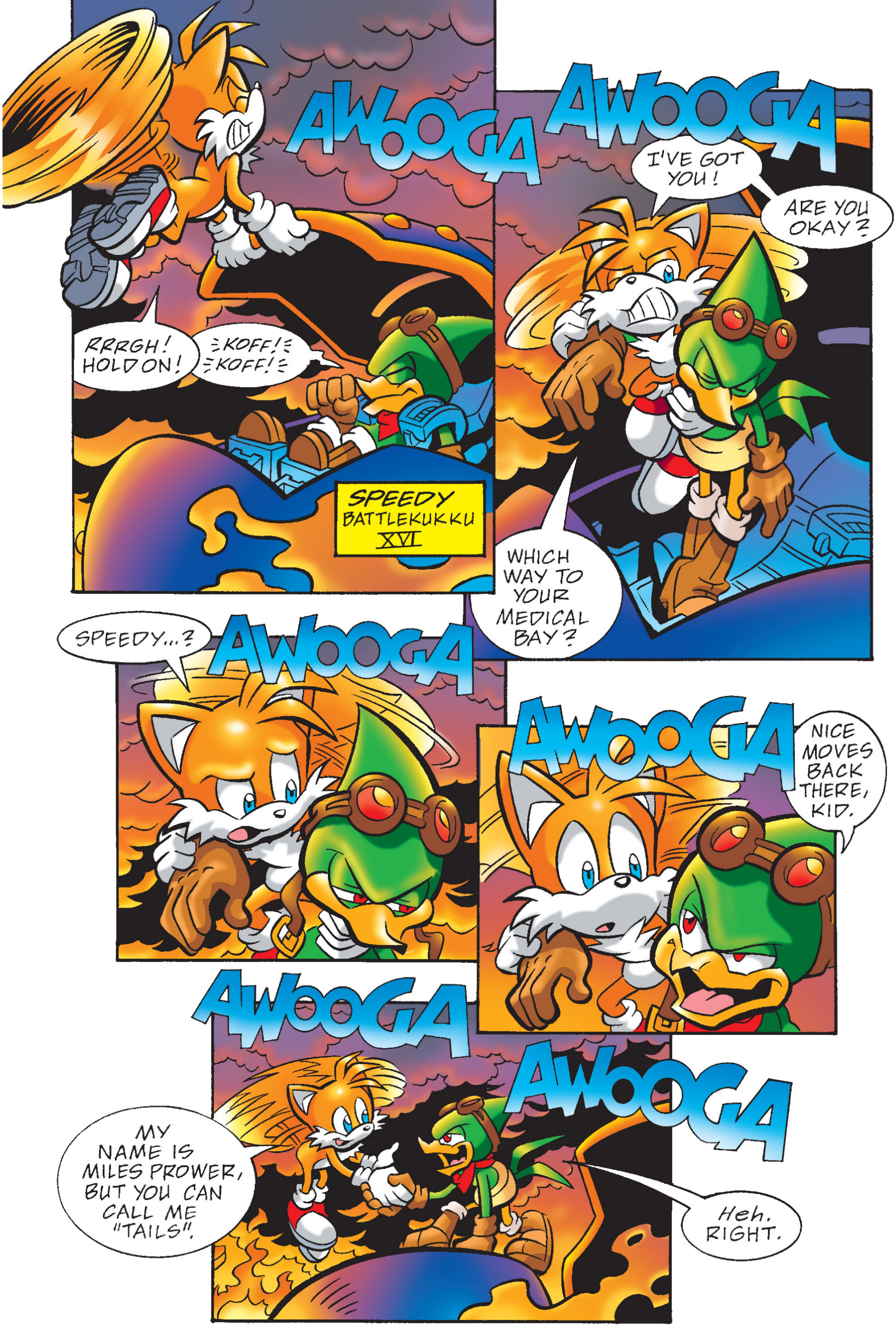

ZATTA ZATTA!
BLAM!
BLAM!
STOP MARRING MY BEAUTIFUL KILLER WALKING ARMOR, YOU--!
WHAM!
GAHK! CUT THAT OUT!
SKRUNNCH!

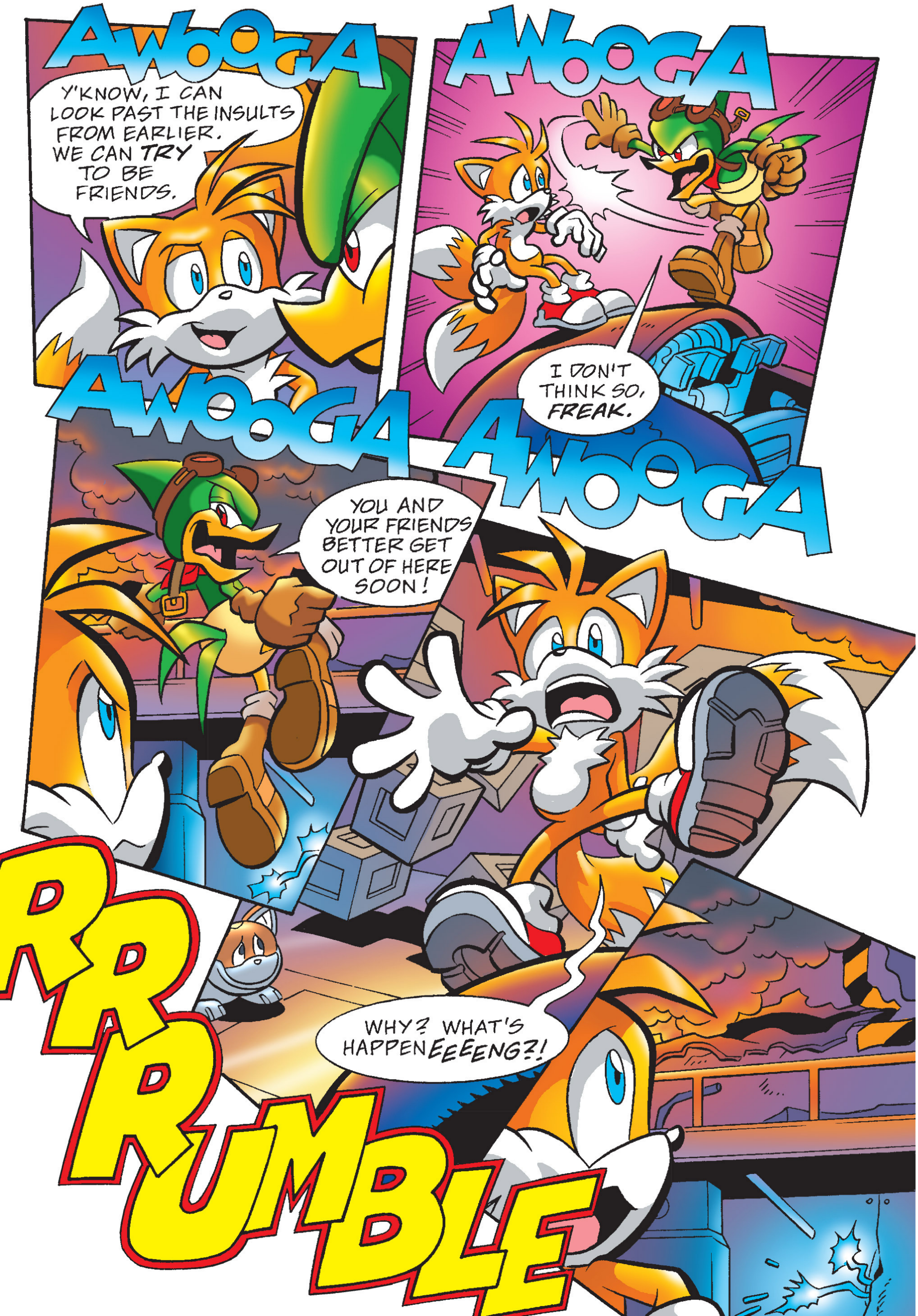

BLAM! BLAM!
KA BAM!
THERE!
WHINE!
IT'S OKAY IF YOU'RE OUT OF AMMO, BOY! YOU DID GREAT!

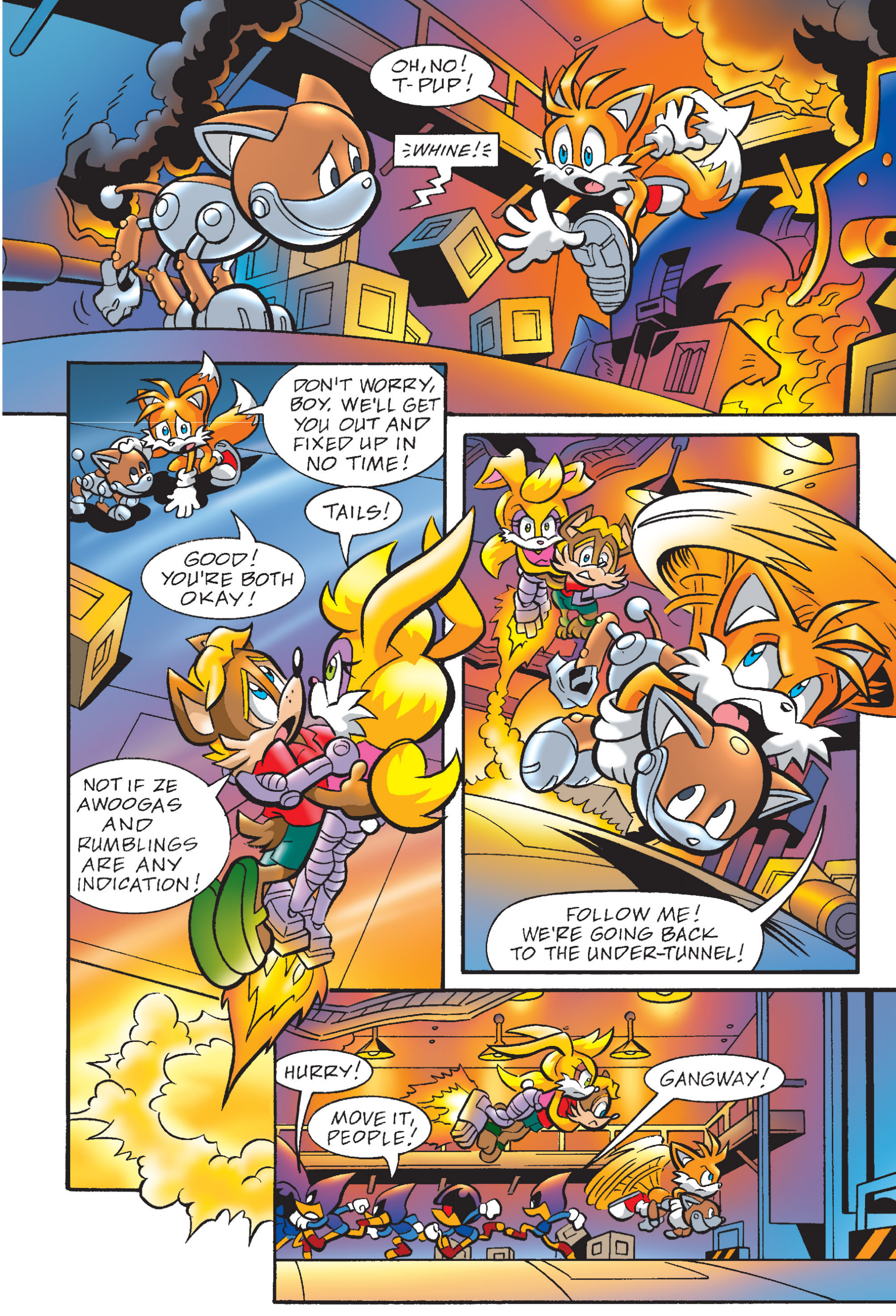

STOP TEARING UP MY BEAUTIFUL-- EEK!
IT'S OVER, DOCTOR FOOBOO!
IT'S PRO-NOUNCED--!
I DON'T CARE! NOW LISTEN--FROM ONE BUILDER TO ANOTHER --IF YOU WANT YOUR MOLE MECH TO STAY IN ONE PIECE, YOU NEED TO CALL IT OFF!
AUGH!
CRACK!
YIPE!
YOU ARROGANT BRAT! NOTHING CAN DESTROY SUCH MASTERFUL CRAFTSMANSHIP!
OH, YEAH?

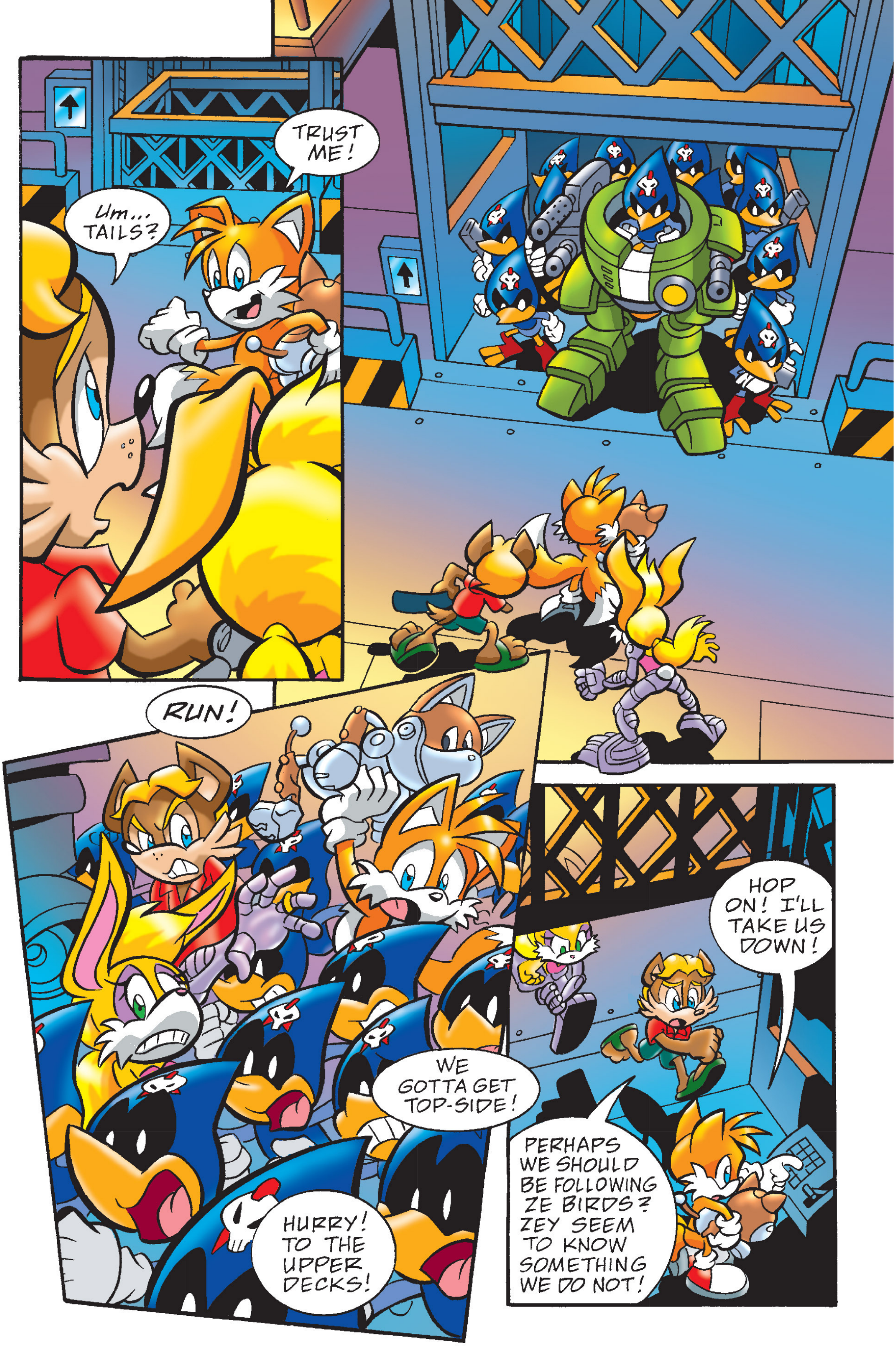

CLANG!!
RRRUMMMMBLE
NO! NO!! INCONCEIVABLE!

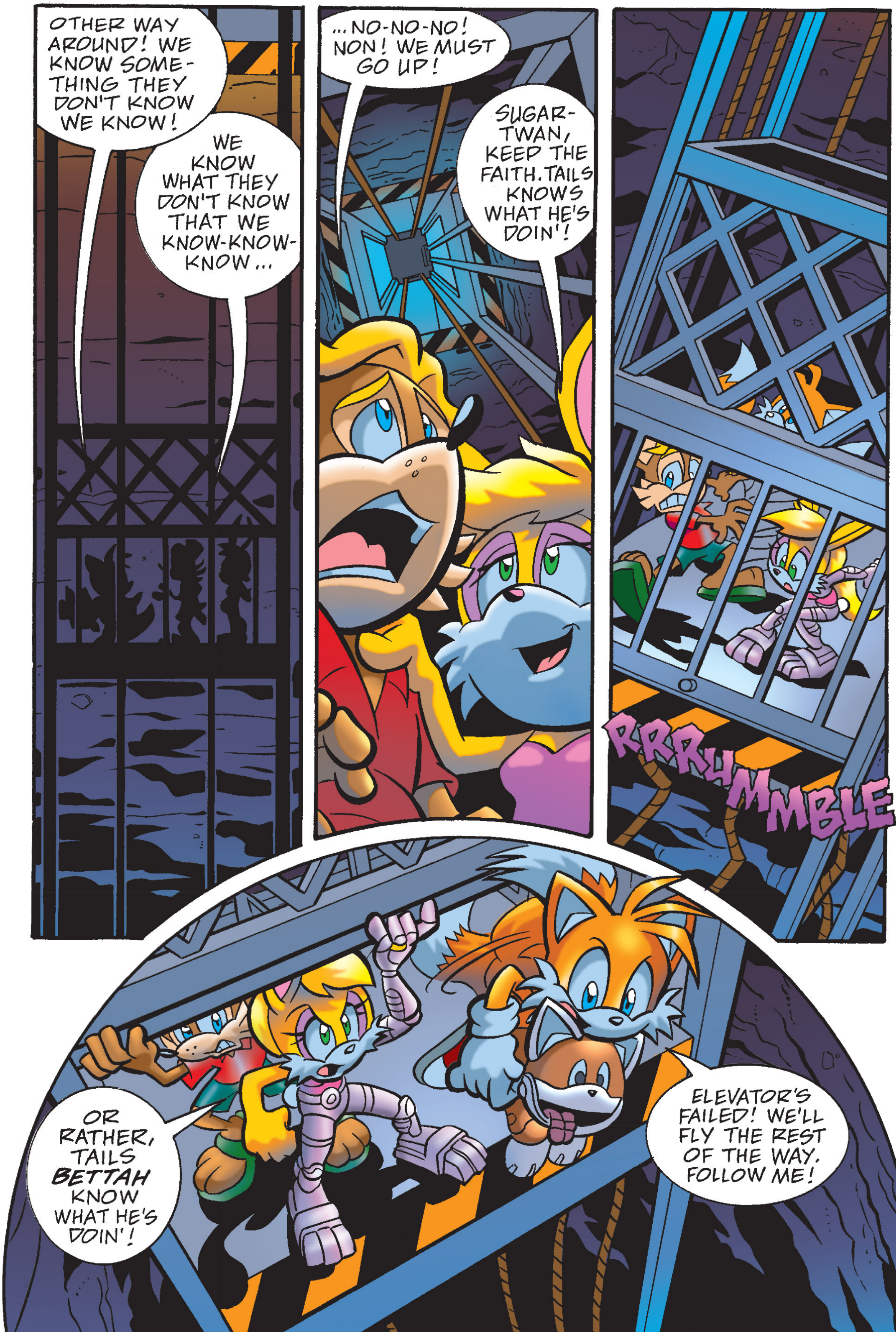

...INCONCEIVABLE... ...INCONCEIVABLE... ...INCONCEIVABLE...
YOU KEEP SAYING THAT WORD. I DON'T THINK YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS!
AWOOGA
AWOOGA
YOU'VE EARNED MY HATRED FOR LIFE, BOY!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA--!
...WAIT...!
AWOOGA
AWOOGA
THAT THING HAD A PILOT IN IT THIS WHOLE TIME...?
IT'S GOTTA BE HIM!
AWOOGA
AWOOGA

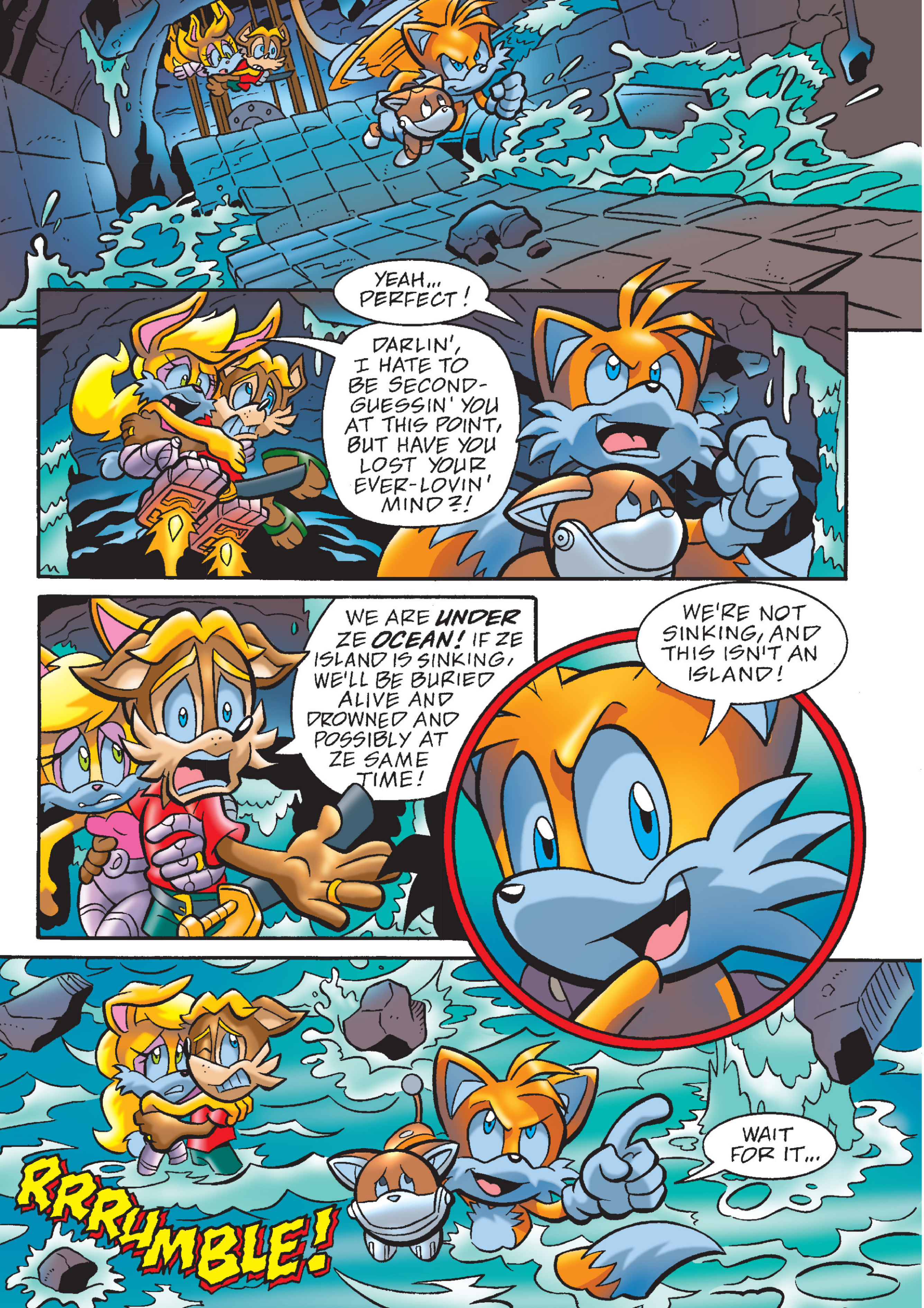

AWOOGA
RRRGH! HOLD ON!
KOFF! KOFF!
SPEEDY BATTLEKUKKU XVI
AWOOGA
I'VE GOT YOU!
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHICH WAY TO YOUR MEDICAL BAY?
SPEEDY...?
AWOOGA
AWOOGA
NICE MOVES BACK THERE, KID.
AWOOGA
MY NAME IS MILES PROWER, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME "TAILS".
AWOOGA
Heh. RIGHT.

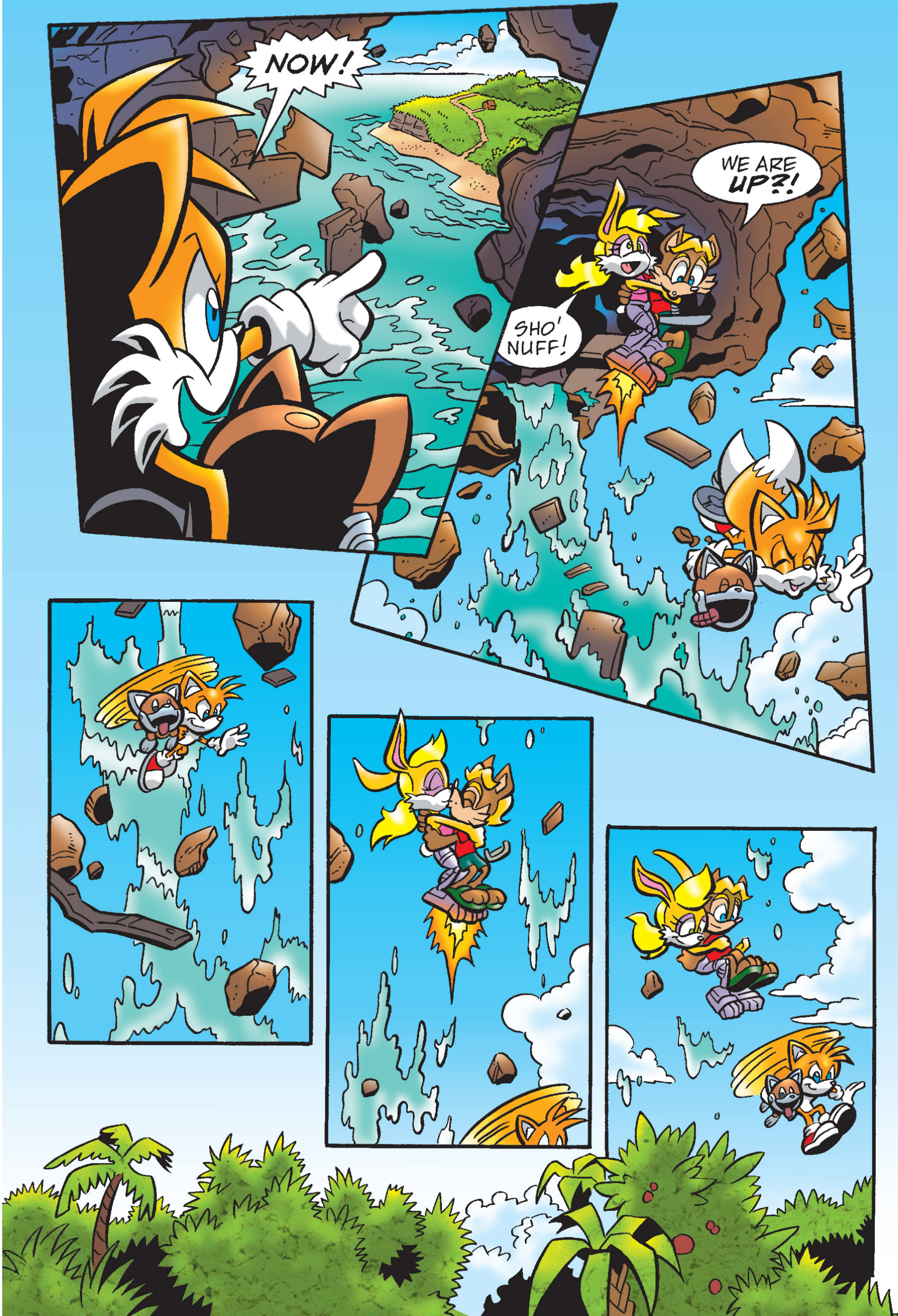

AWOOGA
Y'KNOW, I CAN LOOK PAST THE INSULTS FROM EARLIER. WE CAN TRY TO BE FRIENDS.
AWOOGA
I DON'T THINK SO, FREAK.
AWOOGA
AWOOGA
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS BETTER GET OUT OF HERE SOON!
RRRUMBLE
WHY? WHAT'S HAPPENEEEENG?!

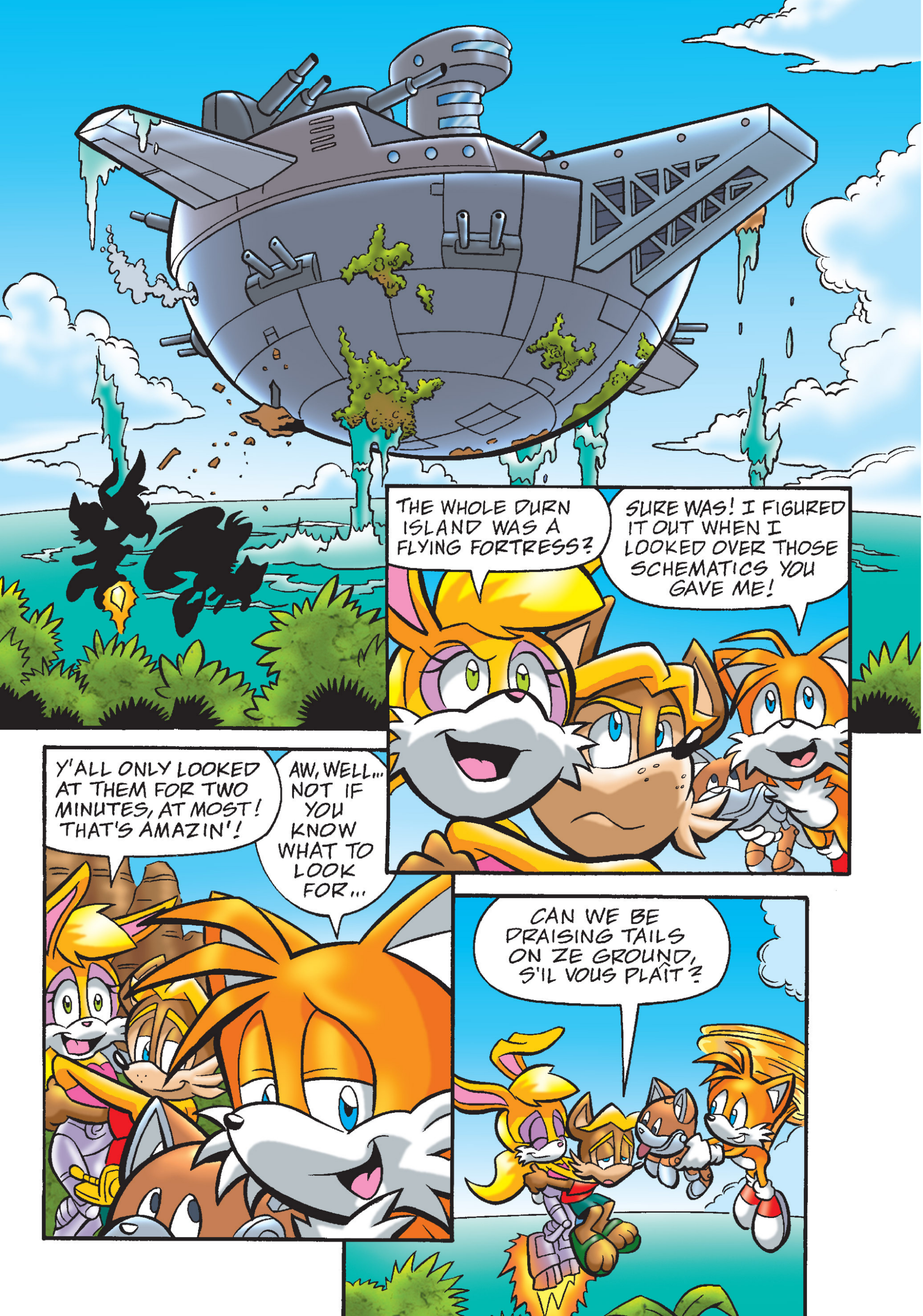

OH, NO! T-PUP!
WHINE!
DON'T WORRY, BOY. WE'LL GET YOU OUT AND FIXED UP IN NO TIME!
TAILS!
GOOD! YOU'RE BOTH OKAY!
NOT IF ZE AWOOGAS AND RUMBLINGS ARE ANY INDICATION!
FOLLOW ME! WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE UNDER-TUNNEL!
HURRY!
MOVE IT, PEOPLE!
GANGWAY!

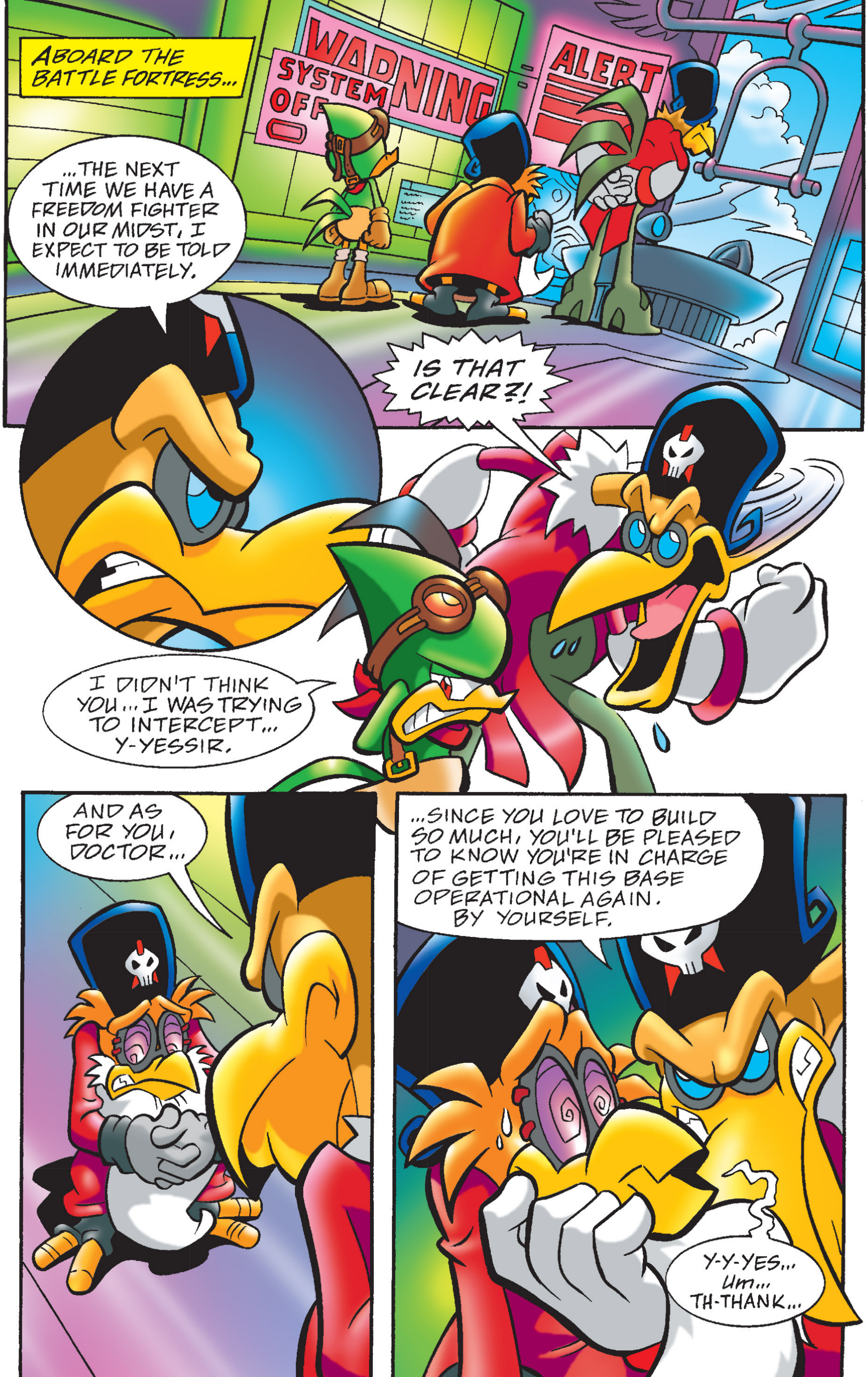

UM... TAILS?
TRUST ME!
RUN!
WE GOTTA GET TOP-SIDE!
HURRY! TO THE UPPER DECKS!
HOP ON! I'LL TAKE US DOWN!
PERHAPS WE SHOULD BE FOLLOWING ZE BIRDS? ZEY SEEM TO KNOW SOMETHING WE DO NOT!

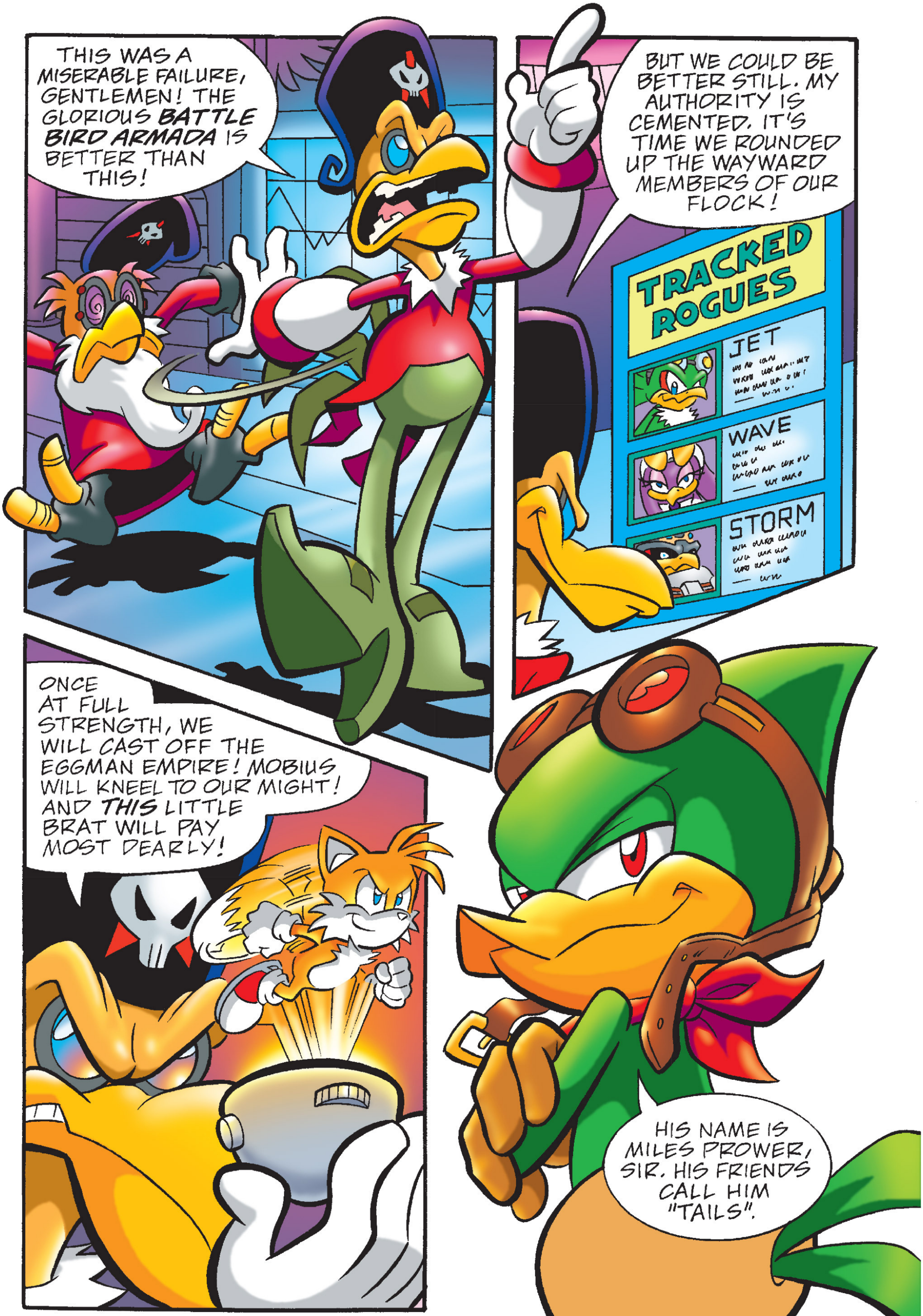

OTHER WAY AROUND! WE KNOW SOMETHING THEY DON'T KNOW WE KNOW!
WE KNOW WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT WE KNOW-KNOW-KNOW...
...NO-NO-NO! NON! WE MUST GO UP!
SUGAR-TWAN, KEEP THE FAITH. TAILS KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOIN'!
RRRUMMBLE
OR RATHER, TAILS **BETTAH** KNOW WHAT HE'S DOIN'!
ELEVATOR'S FAILED! WE'LL FLY THE REST OF THE WAY. FOLLOW ME!

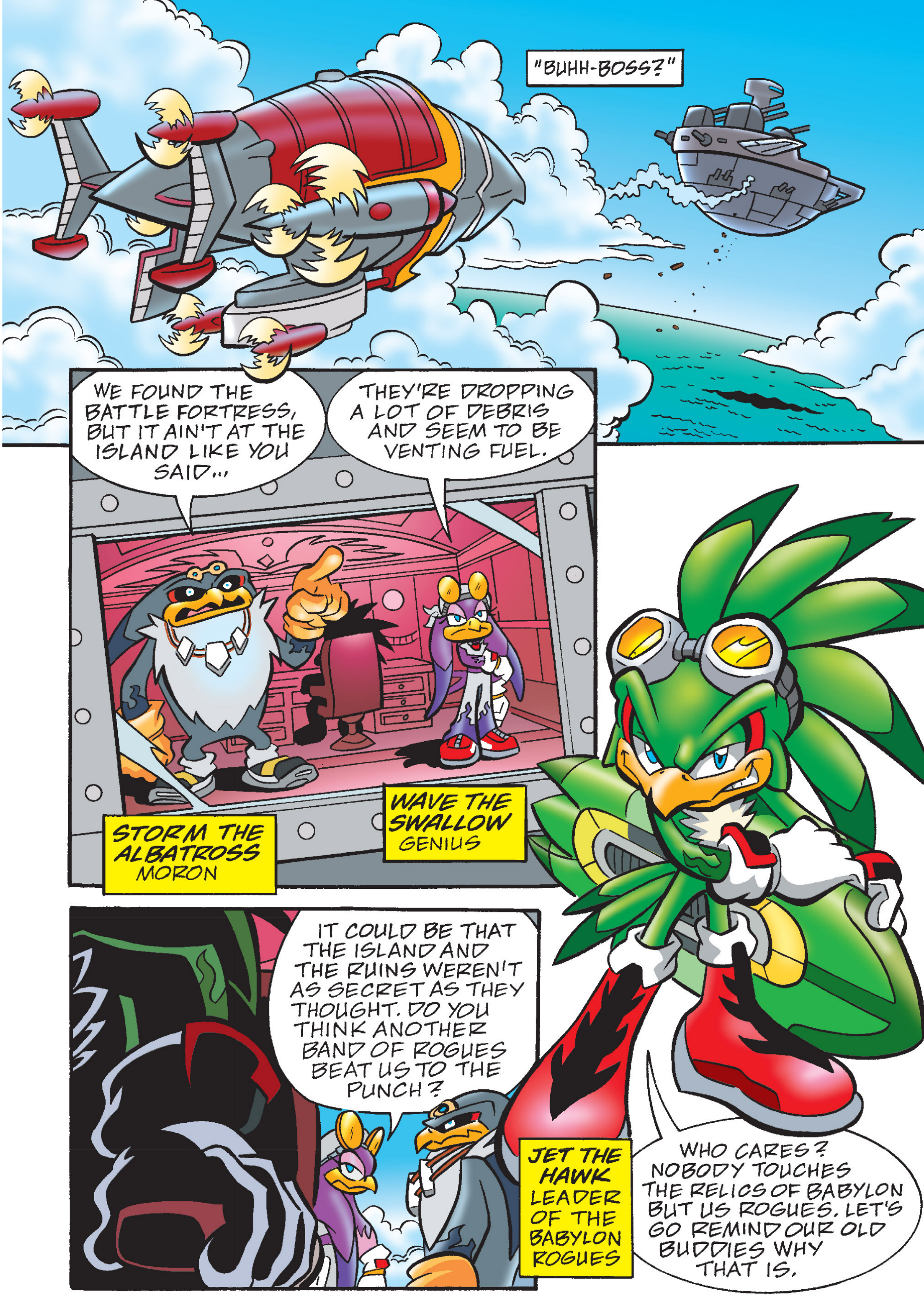

YEAH... PERFECT!
DARLIN', I HATE TO BE SECOND-GUESSIN' YOU AT THIS POINT, BUT HAVE YOU LOST YOUR EVER-LOVIN' MIND?!
WE ARE ***UNDER*** ZE ***OCEAN!*** IF ZE ISLAND IS SINKING, WE'LL BE BURIED ALIVE AND DROWNED AND POSSIBLY AT ZE SAME TIME!
WE'RE NOT SINKING, AND THIS ISN'T AN ISLAND!
RRRUMBLE!
WAIT FOR IT...

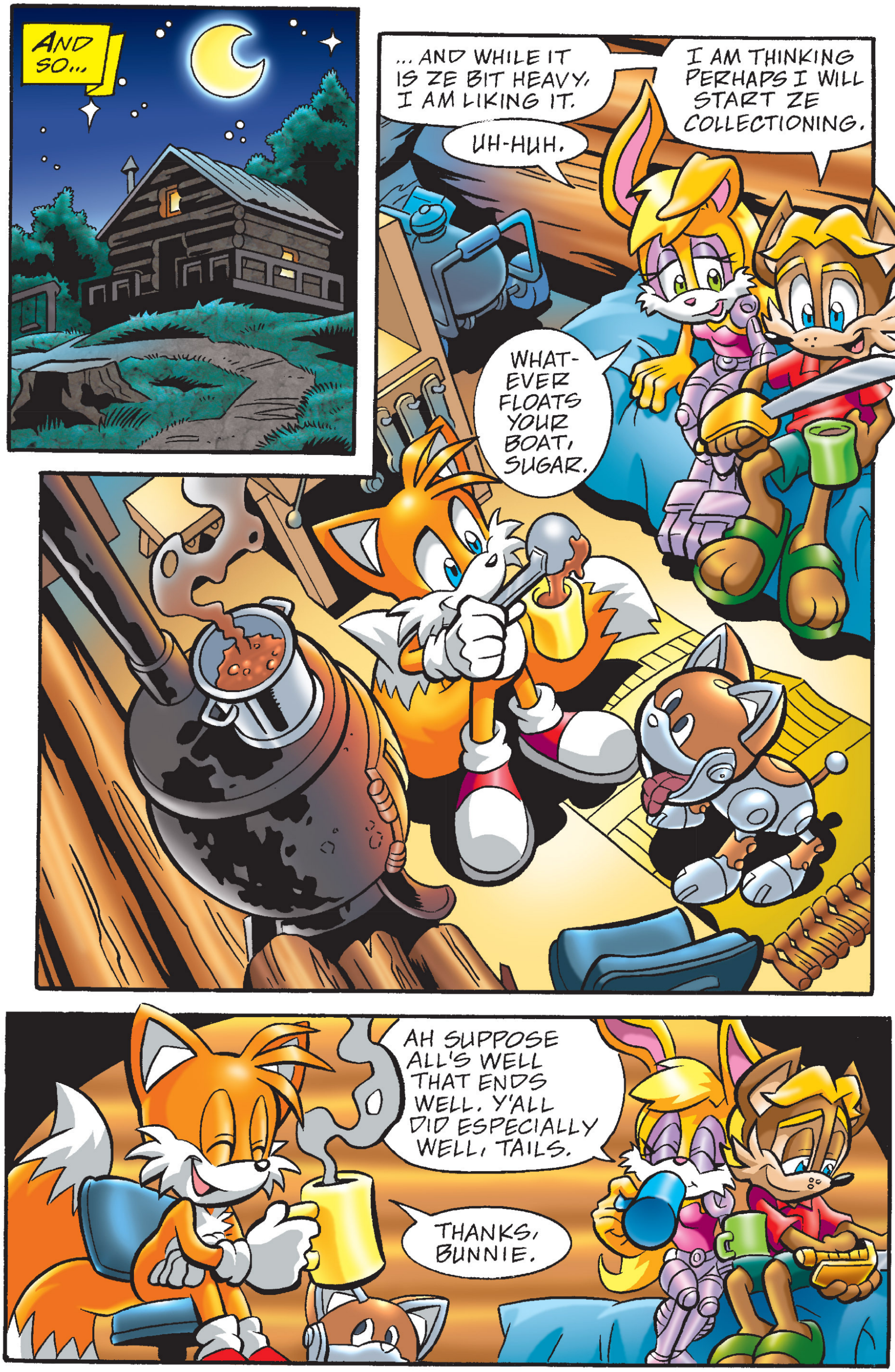

NOW!
WE ARE UP?!
SHO' NUFF!

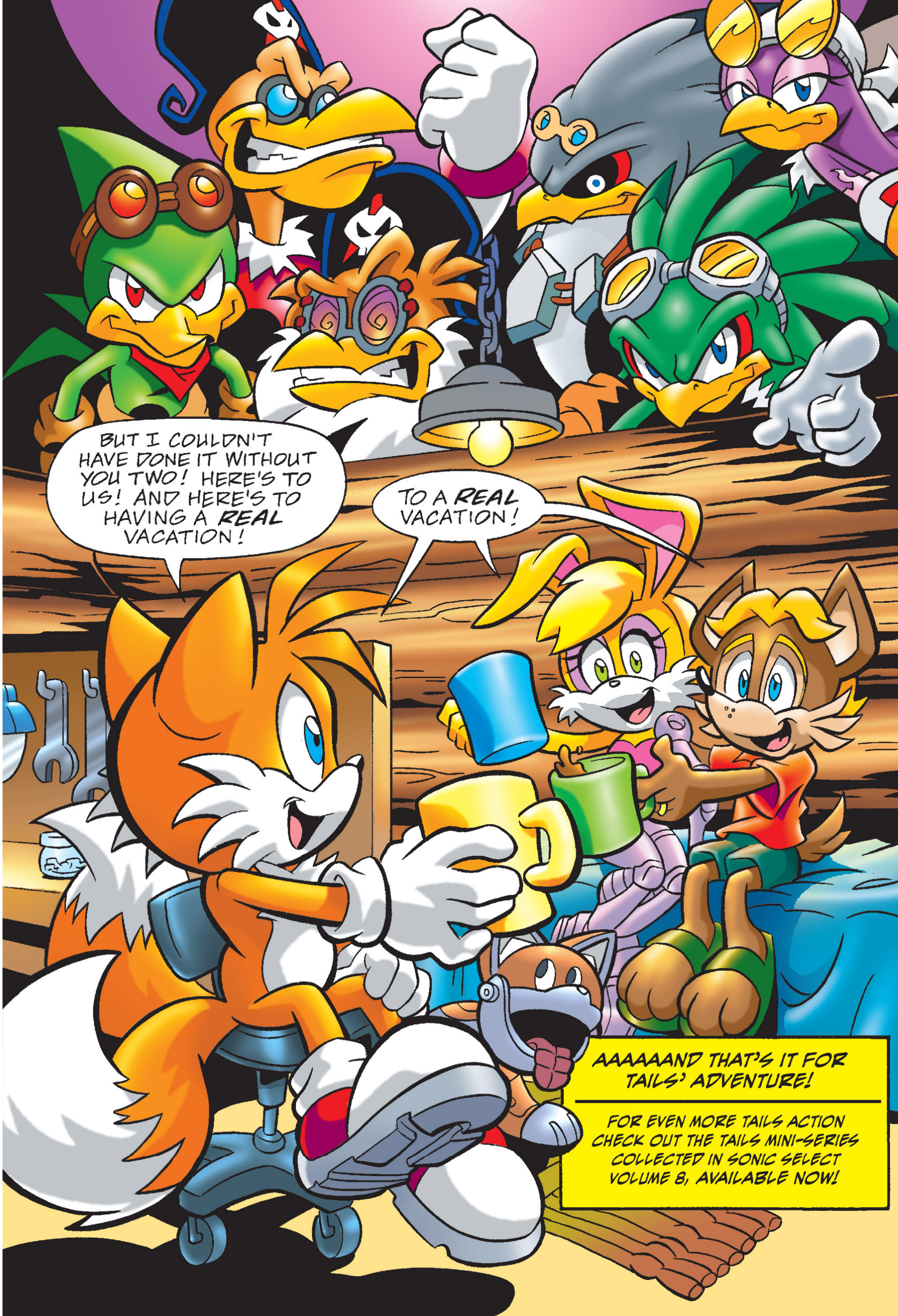

THE WHOLE DURN ISLAND WAS A FLYING FORTRESS?
SURE WAS! I FIGURED IT OUT WHEN I LOOKED OVER THOSE SCHEMATICS YOU GAVE ME!
Y'ALL ONLY LOOKED AT THEM FOR TWO MINUTES, AT MOST! THAT'S AMAZIN'!
AW, WELL... NOT IF YOU KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR...
CAN WE BE PRAISING TAILS ON ZE GROUND, S'IL VOUS PLAÎT?


ABOARD THE BATTLE FORTRESS...
WARNING
SYSTEM OFF
ALERT
...THE NEXT TIME WE HAVE A FREEDOM FIGHTER IN OUR MIDST, I EXPECT TO BE TOLD IMMEDIATELY.
IS THAT CLEAR?!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU... I WAS TRYING TO INTERCEPT... Y-YESSIR.
AND AS FOR YOU, DOCTOR...
...SINCE YOU LOVE TO BUILD SO MUCH, YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO KNOW YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF GETTING THIS BASE OPERATIONAL AGAIN. BY YOURSELF.
Y-Y-YES... UM... TH-THANK...


THIS WAS A MISERABLE FAILURE, GENTLEMEN! THE GLORIOUS **BATTLE BIRD ARMADA** IS BETTER THAN THIS!
BUT WE COULD BE BETTER STILL. MY AUTHORITY IS CEMENTED. IT'S TIME WE ROUNDED UP THE WAYWARD MEMBERS OF OUR FLOCK!
TRACKED ROGUES
JET
WAVE
STORM
ONCE AT FULL STRENGTH, WE WILL CAST OFF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE! MOBIUS WILL KNEEL TO OUR MIGHT! AND ***THIS*** LITTLE BRAT WILL PAY MOST DEARLY!
HIS NAME IS MILES PROWER, SIR. HIS FRIENDS CALL HIM "TAILS".


"BUHH-BOSS?"
WE FOUND THE BATTLE FORTRESS, BUT IT AIN'T AT THE ISLAND LIKE YOU SAID...
THEY'RE DROPPING A LOT OF DEBRIS AND SEEM TO BE VENTING FUEL.
STORM THE ALBATROSS MORON
WAVE THE SWALLOW GENIUS
IT COULD BE THAT THE ISLAND AND THE RUINS WEREN'T AS SECRET AS THEY THOUGHT. DO YOU THINK ANOTHER BAND OF ROGUES BEAT US TO THE PUNCH?
JET THE HAWK LEADER OF THE BABYLON ROGUES
WHO CARES? NOBODY TOUCHES THE RELICS OF BABYLON BUT US ROGUES. LET'S GO REMIND OUR OLD BUDDIES WHY THAT IS.


AND SO...
...AND WHILE IT IS ZE BIT HEAVY, I AM LIKING IT.
UH-HUH.
I AM THINKING PERHAPS I WILL START ZE COLLECTIONING.
WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT, SUGAR.
AH SUPPOSE ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL. Y'ALL DID ESPECIALLY WELL, TAILS.
THANKS, BUNNIE.


BUT I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU TWO! HERE'S TO US! AND HERE'S TO HAVING A *REAL* VACATION!
TO A *REAL* VACATION!
AAAAAAND THAT'S IT FOR TAILS' ADVENTURE!
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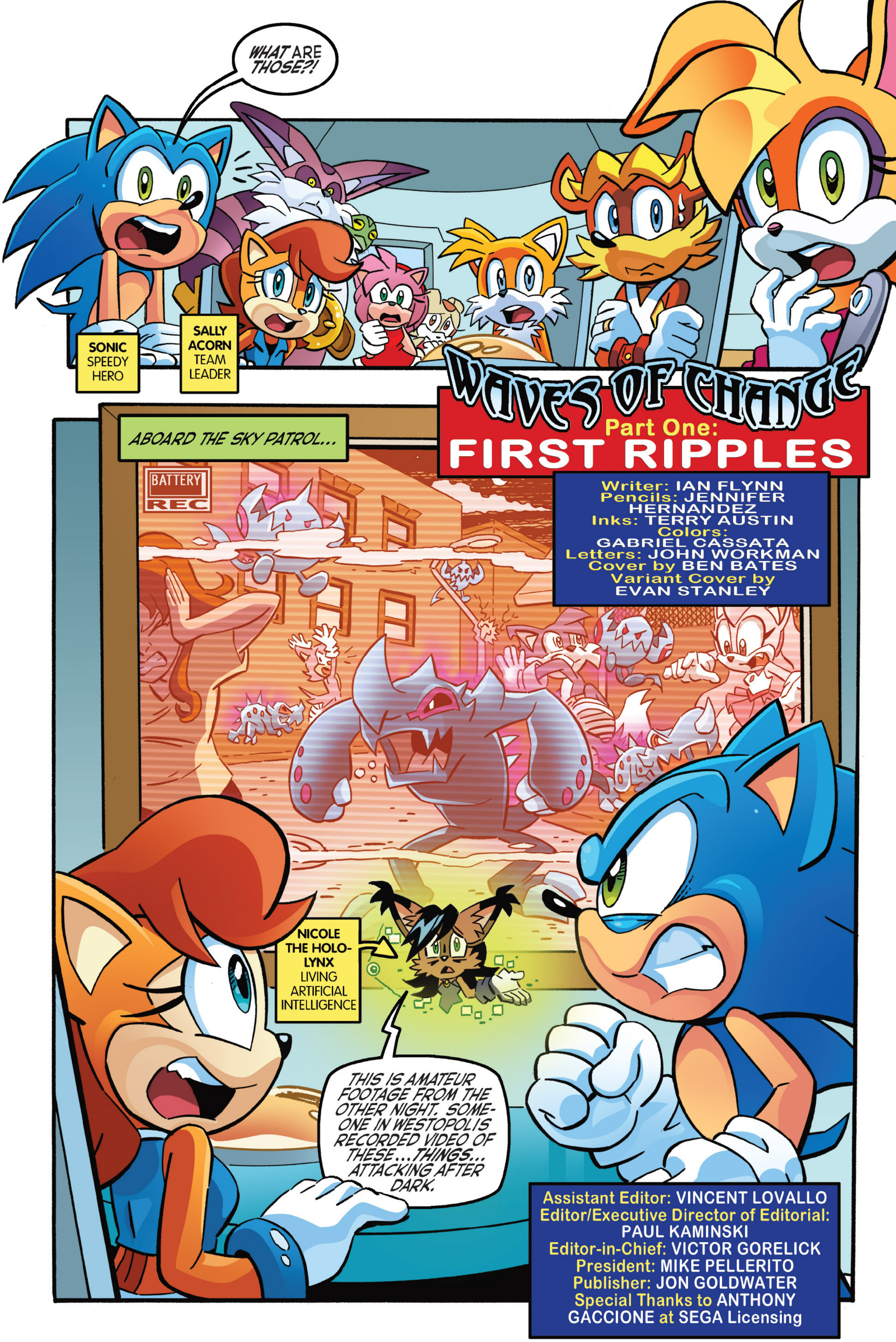
WHAT ARE THOSE?!
SONIC SPEEDY HERO
SALLY ACORN TEAM LEADER
ABOARD THE SKY PATROL...
BATTERY
REC
NICOLE THE HOLO-LYNX LIVING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
THIS IS AMATEUR FOOTAGE FROM THE OTHER NIGHT. SOMEONE IN WESTOPOLIS RECORDED VIDEO OF THESE...THINGS... ATTACKING AFTER DARK.

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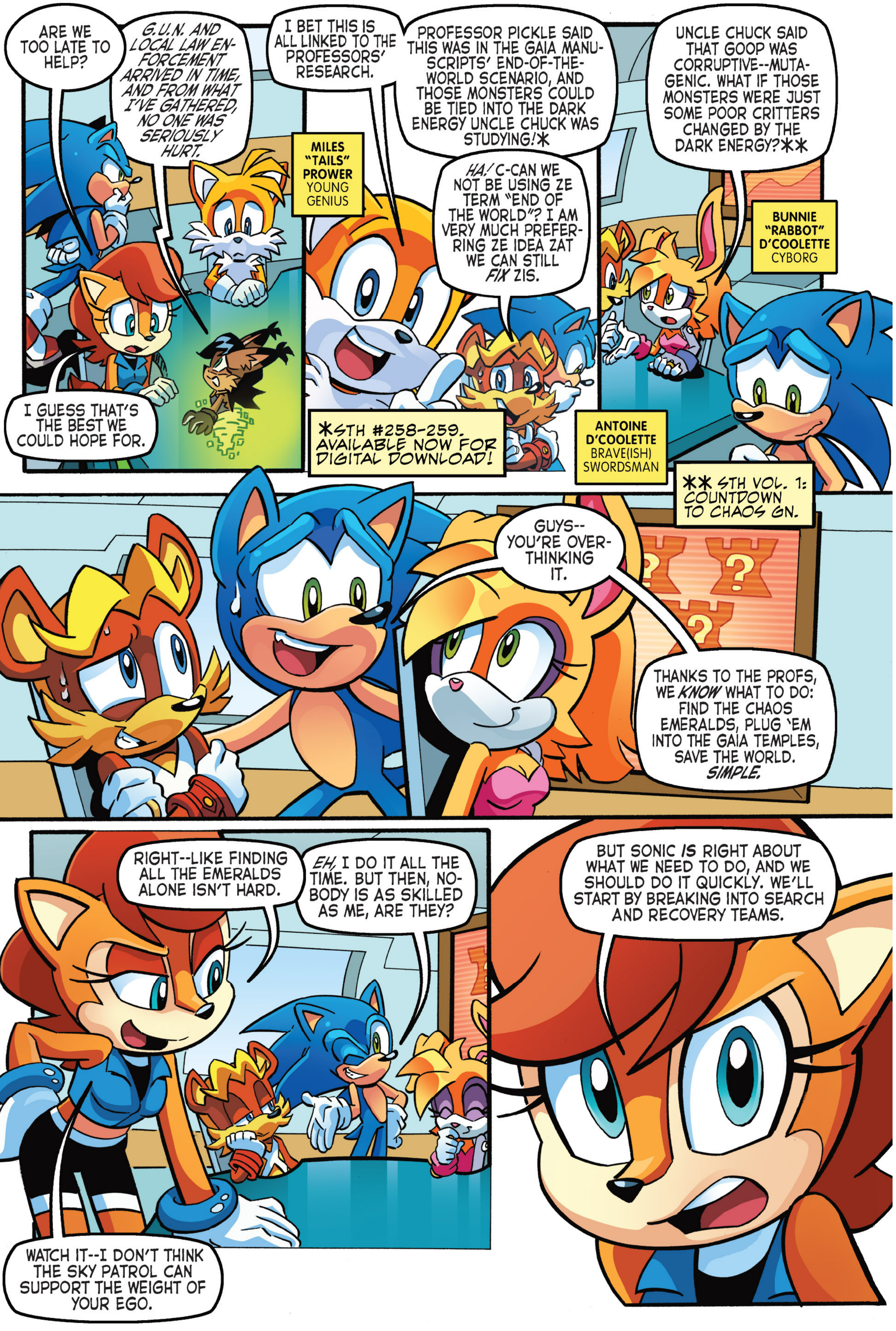
ARE WE TOO LATE TO HELP?
G.U.N. AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVED IN TIME, AND FROM WHAT I'VE GATHERED, NO ONE WAS SERIOUSLY HURT.
I GUESS THAT'S THE BEST WE COULD HOPE FOR.
I BET THIS IS ALL LINKED TO THE PROFESSORS' RESEARCH.
PROFESSOR PICKLE SAID THIS WAS IN THE GAIA MANUSCRIPTS' END-OF-THE-WORLD SCENARIO, AND THOSE MONSTERS COULD BE TIED INTO THE DARK ENERGY UNCLE CHUCK WAS STUDYING!*
MILES "TAILS" PROWER YOUNG GENIUS
HA! C-CAN WE NOT BE USING ZE TERM "END OF THE WORLD"? I AM VERY MUCH PREFERRING ZE IDEA ZAT WE CAN STILL *FIX* ZIS.
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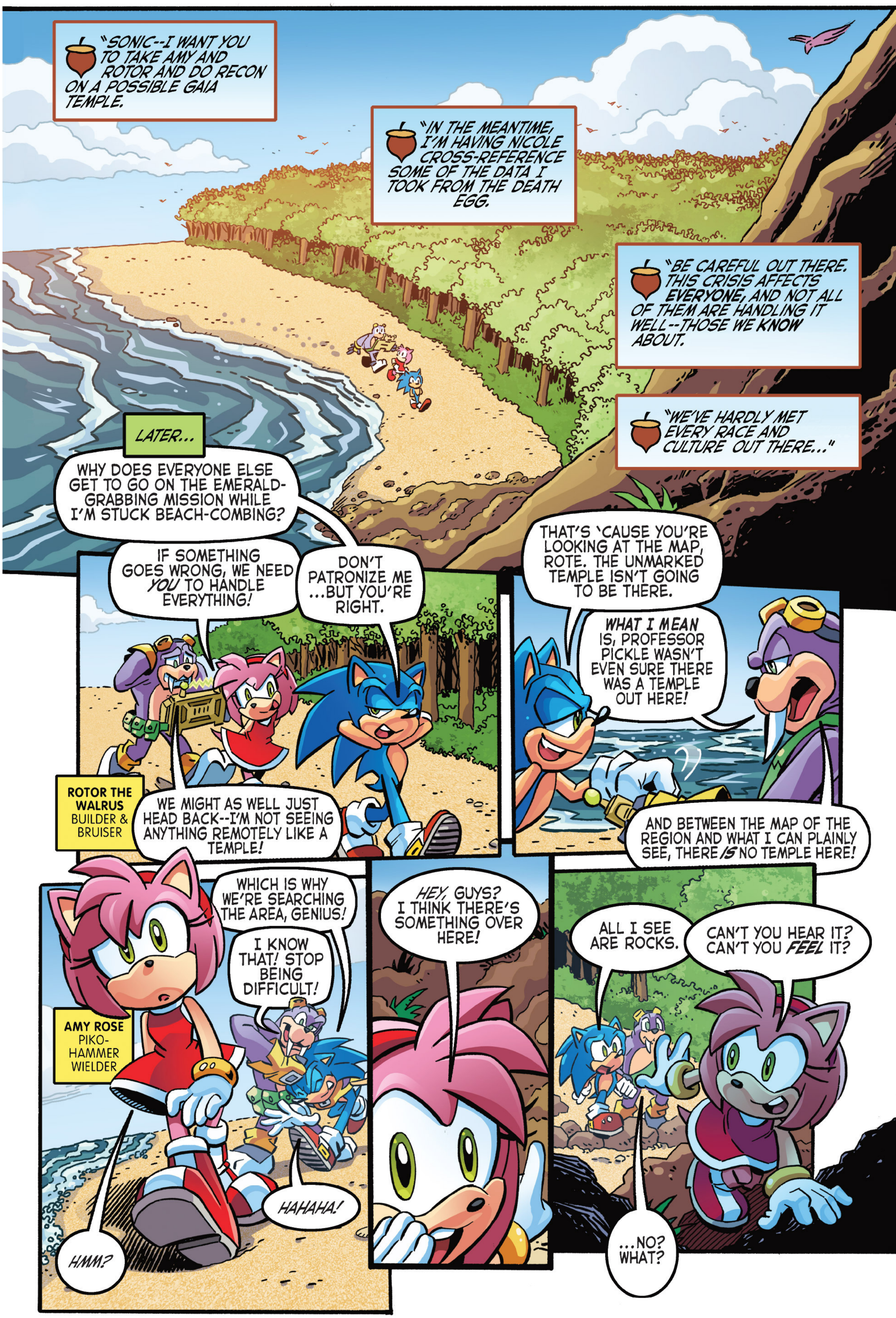
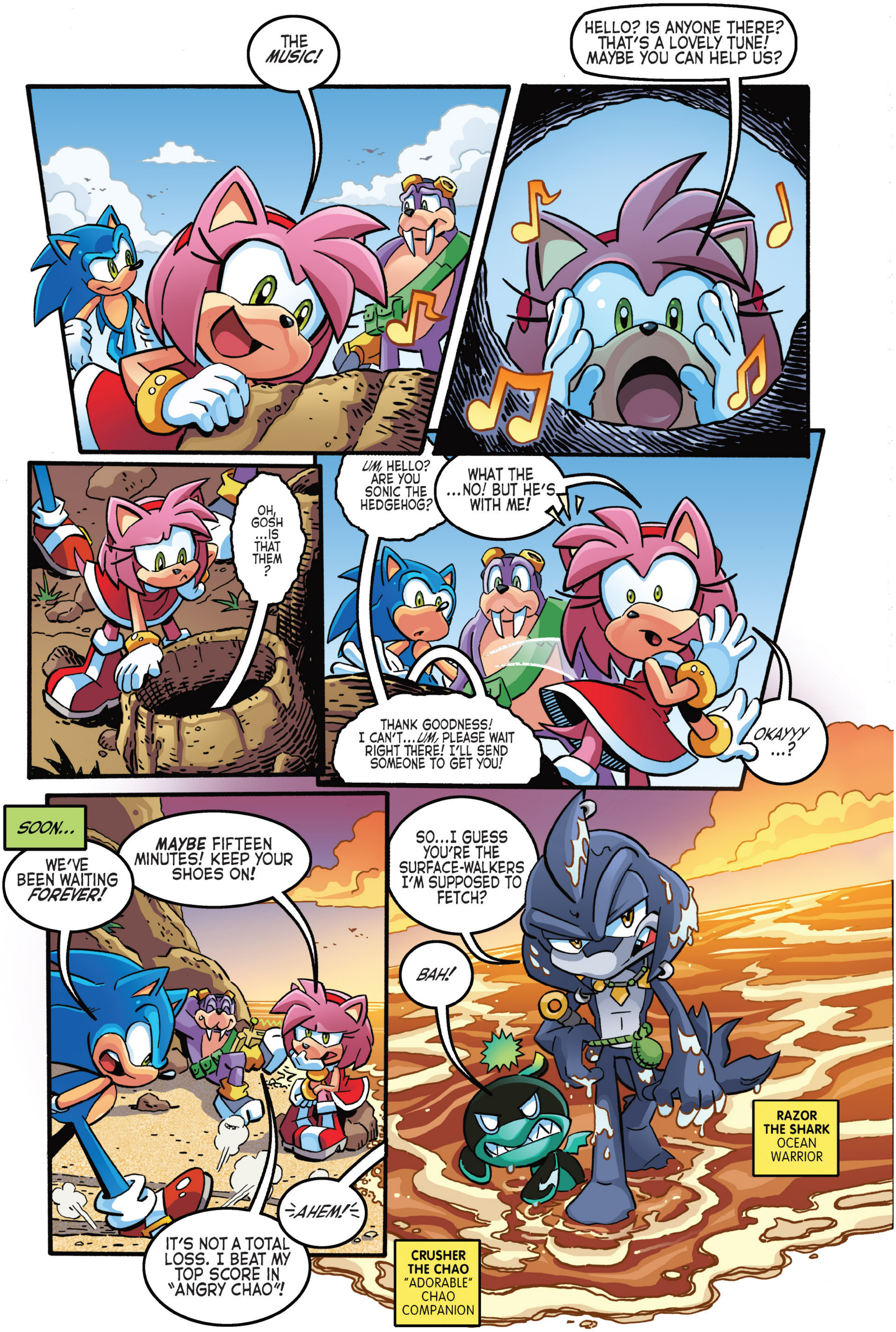
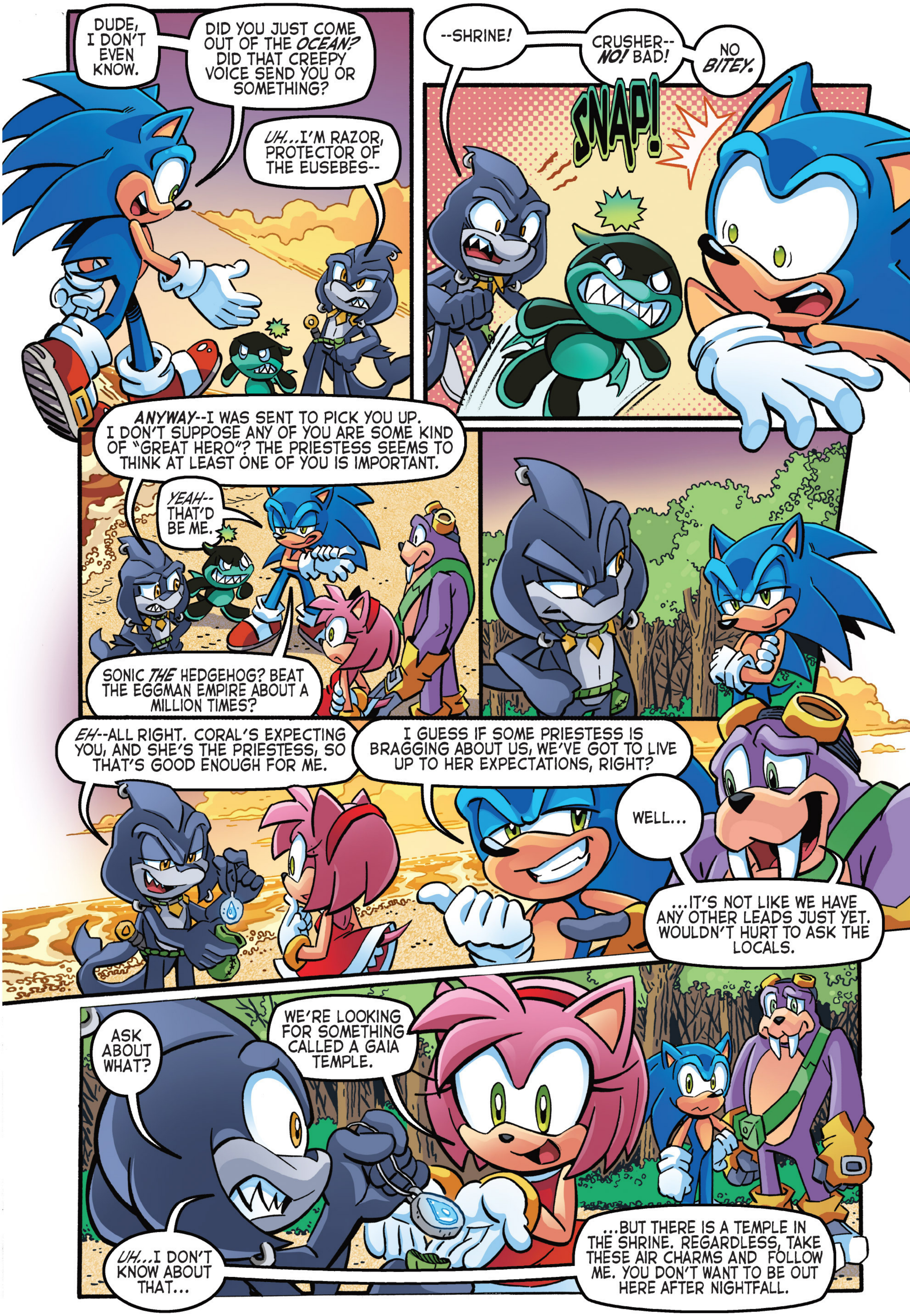
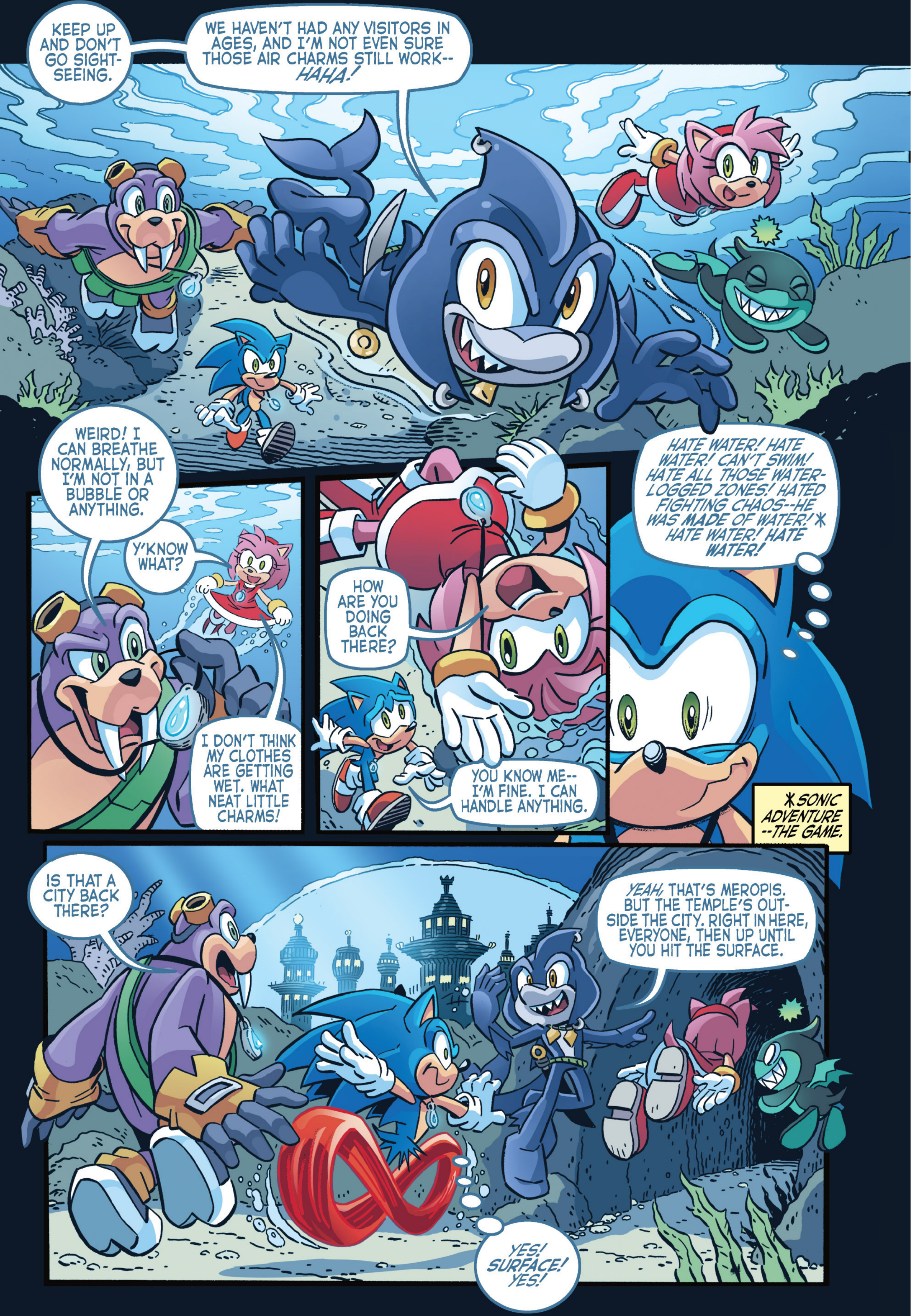
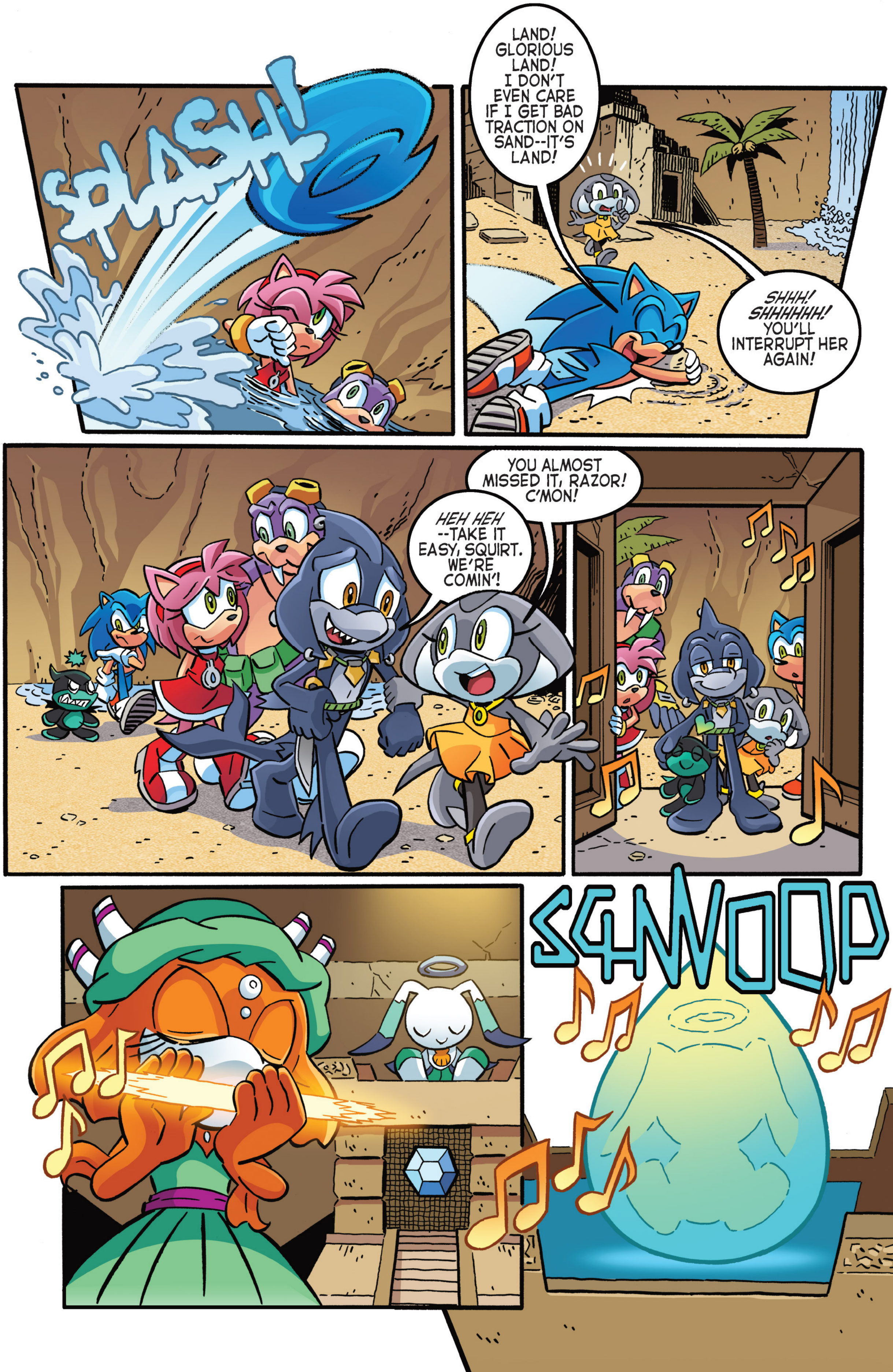
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE BRAVE(ISH) SWORDSMAN
UNCLE CHUCK SAID THAT GOOP WAS CORRUPTIVE--MUTAGENIC. WHAT IF THOSE MONSTERS WERE JUST SOME POOR CRITTERS CHANGED BY THE DARK ENERGY?**
BUNNIE "RABBOT" D'COOLETTE CYBORG
**STH VOL. 1: COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS GN.
GUYS-- YOU'RE OVERTHINKING IT.
THANKS TO THE PROFS, WE *KNOW* WHAT TO DO: FIND THE CHAOS EMERALDS, PLUG 'EM INTO THE GAIA TEMPLES, SAVE THE WORLD. *SIMPLE.*
RIGHT--LIKE FINDING ALL THE EMERALDS ALONE ISN'T HARD.
EH, I DO IT ALL THE TIME. BUT THEN, NOBODY IS AS SKILLED AS ME, ARE THEY?
WATCH IT--I DON'T THINK THE SKY PATROL CAN SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF YOUR EGO.
BUT SONIC *IS* RIGHT ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO, AND WE SHOULD DO IT QUICKLY. WE'LL START BY BREAKING INTO SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAMS.

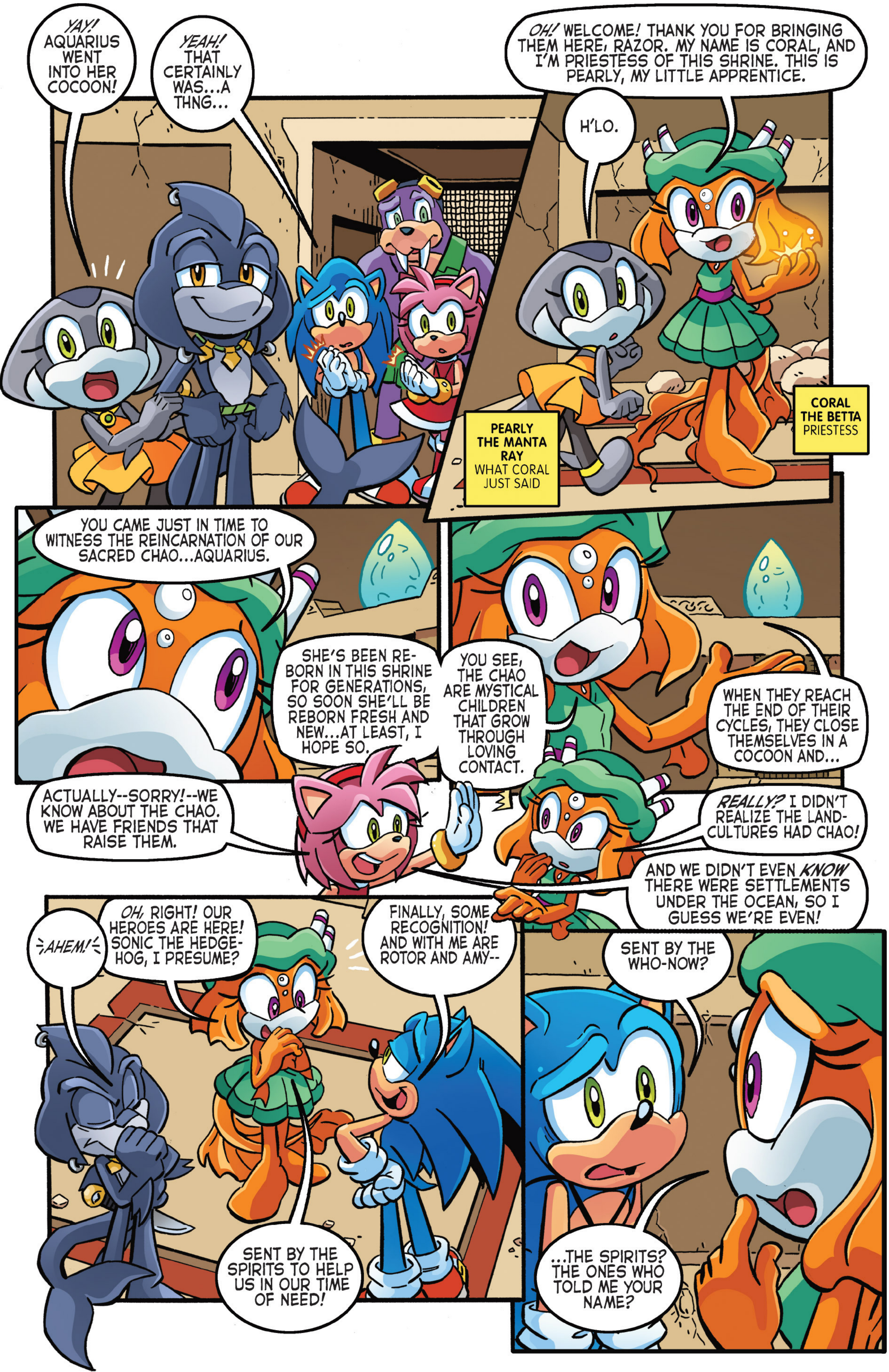

"SONIC--I WANT YOU TO TAKE AMY AND ROTOR AND DO RECON ON A POSSIBLE GAIA TEMPLE.
"IN THE MEANTIME, I'M HAVING NICOLE CROSS-REFERENCE SOME OF THE DATA I TOOK FROM THE DEATH EGG.
"BE CAREFUL OUT THERE. THIS CRISIS AFFECTS EVERYONE, AND NOT ALL OF THEM ARE HANDLING IT WELL--THOSE WE KNOW ABOUT.
"WE'VE HARDLY MET EVERY RACE AND CULTURE OUT THERE..."
LATER...
WHY DOES EVERYONE ELSE GET TO GO ON THE EMERALD-GRABBING MISSION WHILE I'M STUCK BEACH-COMBING?
IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, WE NEED YOU TO HANDLE EVERYTHING!
DON'T PATRONIZE ME ...BUT YOU'RE RIGHT.
ROTOR THE WALRUS BUILDER & BRUISER
WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST HEAD BACK--I'M NOT SEEING ANYTHING REMOTELY LIKE A TEMPLE!
THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE MAP, ROTE. THE UNMARKED TEMPLE ISN'T GOING TO BE THERE.
WHAT I MEAN IS, PROFESSOR PICKLE WASN'T EVEN SURE THERE WAS A TEMPLE OUT HERE!
AND BETWEEN THE MAP OF THE REGION AND WHAT I CAN PLAINLY SEE, THERE IS NO TEMPLE HERE!
AMY ROSE PIKO-HAMMER WIELDER
WHICH IS WHY WE'RE SEARCHING THE AREA, GENIUS!
I KNOW THAT! STOP BEING DIFFICULT!
HAHAHA!
HMM?
HEY, GUYS? I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING OVER HERE!
ALL I SEE ARE ROCKS.
CAN'T YOU HEAR IT? CAN'T YOU FEEL IT?
...NO? WHAT?

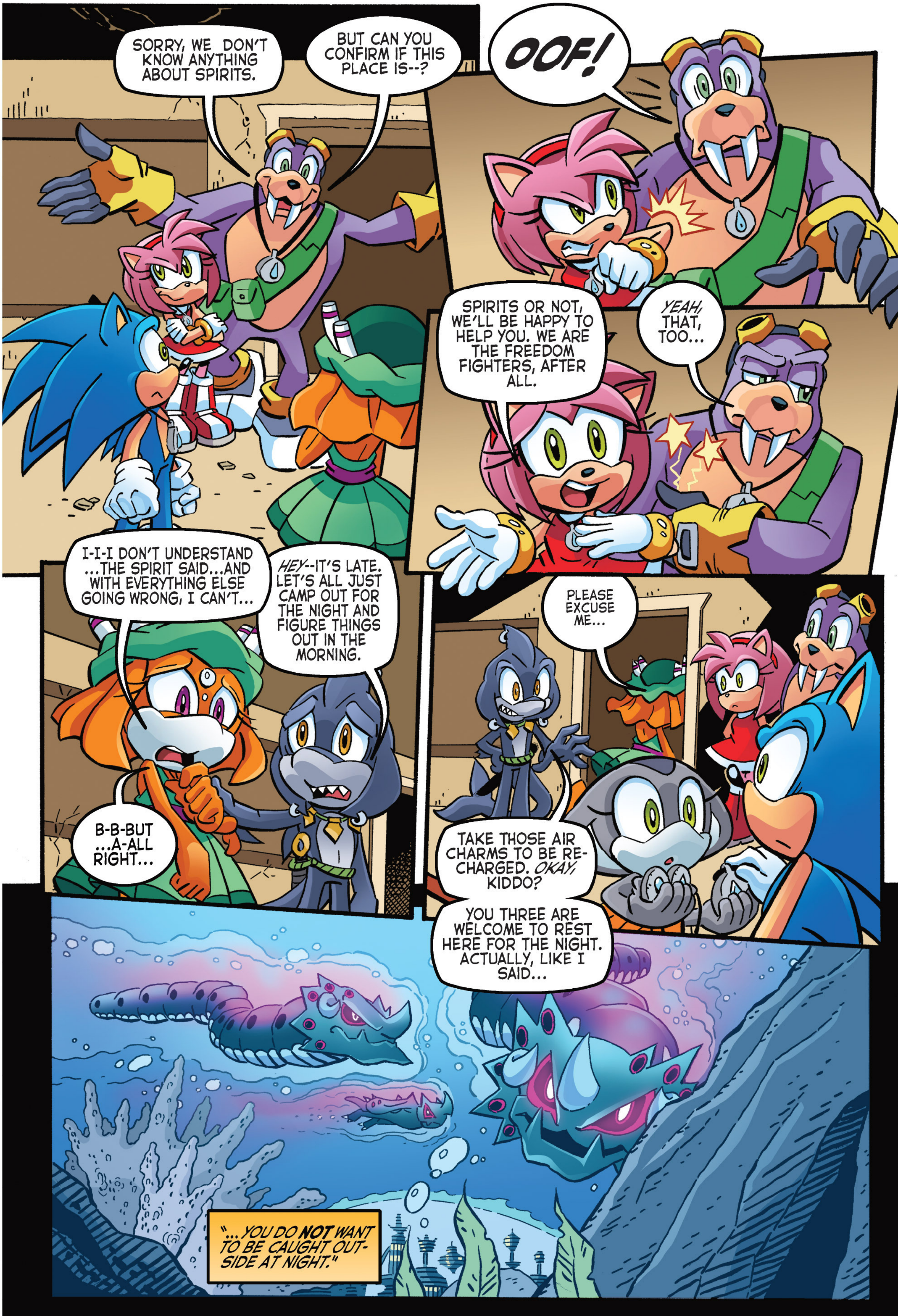

THE MUSIC!
HELLO? IS ANYONE THERE? THAT'S A LOVELY TUNE! MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US?
OH, GOSH ...IS THAT THEM?
UM, HELLO? ARE YOU SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?
WHAT THE ...NO! BUT HE'S WITH ME!
THANK GOODNESS! I CAN'T...UM, PLEASE WAIT RIGHT THERE! I'LL SEND SOMEONE TO GET YOU!
OKAYYY ...?
SOON...
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOREVER!
MAYBE FIFTEEN MINUTES! KEEP YOUR SHOES ON!
AHEM!
IT'S NOT A TOTAL LOSS. I BEAT MY TOP SCORE IN "ANGRY CHAO"!
SO...I GUESS YOU'RE THE SURFACE-WALKERS I'M SUPPOSED TO FETCH?
BAH!
RAZOR THE SHARK OCEAN WARRIOR
CRUSHER THE CHAO "ADORABLE" CHAO COMPANION

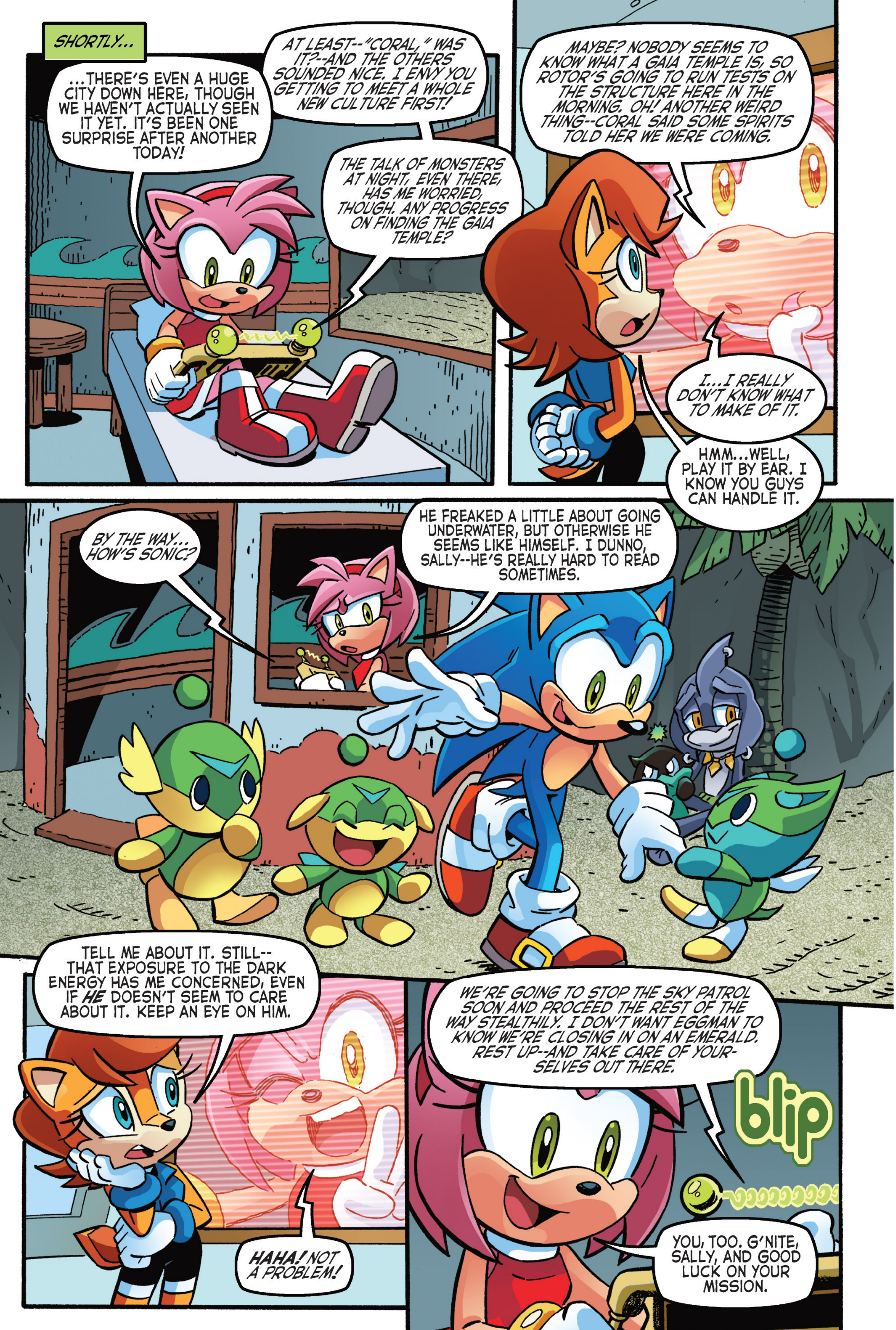

DUDE, I DON'T EVEN KNOW.
DID YOU JUST COME OUT OF THE *OCEAN?* DID THAT CREEPY VOICE SEND YOU OR SOMETHING?
*UH...*I'M RAZOR, PROTECTOR OF THE EUSEBES--
--SHRINE!
CRUSHER-- *NO!* BAD!
NO *BITEY.*
SNAP!
ANYWAY--I WAS SENT TO PICK YOU UP. I DON'T SUPPOSE ANY OF YOU ARE SOME KIND OF "GREAT HERO"? THE PRIESTESS SEEMS TO THINK AT LEAST ONE OF YOU IS IMPORTANT.
YEAH-- THAT'D BE ME.
SONIC *THE* HEDGEHOG? BEAT THE EGGMAN EMPIRE ABOUT A MILLION TIMES?
EH--ALL RIGHT. CORAL'S EXPECTING YOU, AND SHE'S THE PRIESTESS, SO THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.
I GUESS IF SOME PRIESTESS IS BRAGGING ABOUT US, WE'VE GOT TO LIVE UP TO HER EXPECTATIONS, RIGHT?
WELL...
...IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANY OTHER LEADS JUST YET. WOULDN'T HURT TO ASK THE LOCALS.
ASK ABOUT WHAT?
WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING CALLED A GAIA TEMPLE.
*UH...*I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
...BUT THERE IS A TEMPLE IN THE SHRINE. REGARDLESS, TAKE THESE AIR CHARMS AND FOLLOW ME. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE OUT HERE AFTER NIGHTFALL.


KEEP UP AND DON'T GO SIGHT-SEEING.
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY VISITORS IN AGES, AND I'M NOT EVEN SURE THOSE AIR CHARMS STILL WORK-- *HAHA!*
WEIRD! I CAN BREATHE NORMALLY, BUT I'M NOT IN A BUBBLE OR ANYTHING.
Y'KNOW WHAT?
I DON'T THINK MY CLOTHES ARE GETTING WET. WHAT NEAT LITTLE CHARMS!
HOW ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE?
YOU KNOW ME-- I'M FINE. I CAN HANDLE ANYTHING.
HATE WATER! HATE WATER! CAN'T SWIM! HATE ALL THOSE WATER-LOGGED ZONES! HATED FIGHTING CHAOS--HE WAS MADE OF WATER! * *HATE WATER! HATE WATER!*
**SONIC ADVENTURE --THE GAME.*
IS THAT A CITY BACK THERE?
YEAH, THAT'S MEROPIS. BUT THE TEMPLE'S OUT-SIDE THE CITY. RIGHT IN HERE, EVERYONE, THEN UP UNTIL YOU HIT THE SURFACE.
YES! SURFACE! YES!


SPLASH!
LAND! GLORIOUS LAND! I DON'T EVEN CARE IF I GET BAD TRACTION ON SAND--IT'S LAND!
SHHH! SHHHHHH! YOU'LL INTERRUPT HER AGAIN!
YOU ALMOST MISSED IT, RAZOR! C'MON!
HEH HEH --TAKE IT EASY, SQUIRT. WE'RE COMIN'!
SHWOOP


YAY! AQUARIUS WENT INTO HER COCOON!
YEAH! THAT CERTAINLY WAS...A THNG...
OH! WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THEM HERE, RAZOR. MY NAME IS CORAL, AND I'M PRIESTESS OF THIS SHRINE. THIS IS PEARLY, MY LITTLE APPRENTICE.
H'LO.
PEARLY THE MANTA RAY WHAT CORAL JUST SAID
CORAL THE BETTA PRIESTESS
YOU CAME JUST IN TIME TO WITNESS THE REINCARNATION OF OUR SACRED CHAO...AQUARIUS.
SHE'S BEEN REBORN IN THIS SHRINE FOR GENERATIONS, SO SOON SHE'LL BE REBORN FRESH AND NEW...AT LEAST, I HOPE SO.
YOU SEE, THE CHAO ARE MYSTICAL CHILDREN THAT GROW THROUGH LOVING CONTACT.
WHEN THEY REACH THE END OF THEIR CYCLES, THEY CLOSE THEMSELVES IN A COCOON AND...
ACTUALLY--SORRY!--WE KNOW ABOUT THE CHAO. WE HAVE FRIENDS THAT RAISE THEM.
REALLY? I DIDN'T REALIZE THE LAND-CULTURES HAD CHAO!
AND WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THERE WERE SETTLEMENTS UNDER THE OCEAN, SO I GUESS WE'RE EVEN!
AHEM!
OH, RIGHT! OUR HEROES ARE HERE! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, I PRESUME?
FINALLY, SOME RECOGNITION! AND WITH ME ARE ROTOR AND AMY--
SENT BY THE SPIRITS TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED!
SENT BY THE WHO-NOW?
...THE SPIRITS? THE ONES WHO TOLD ME YOUR NAME?


SORRY, WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SPIRITS.
BUT CAN YOU CONFIRM IF THIS PLACE IS--?
OOF!
SPIRITS OR NOT, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU. WE ARE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AFTER ALL.
YEAH, THAT, TOO...
I-I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND ...THE SPIRIT SAID...AND WITH EVERYTHING ELSE GOING WRONG, I CAN'T...
HEY--IT'S LATE. LET'S ALL JUST CAMP OUT FOR THE NIGHT AND FIGURE THINGS OUT IN THE MORNING.
B-B-BUT ...A-ALL RIGHT...
PLEASE EXCUSE ME...
TAKE THOSE AIR CHARMS TO BE RE-CHARGED. *OKAY,* KIDDO?
YOU THREE ARE WELCOME TO REST HERE FOR THE NIGHT. ACTUALLY, LIKE I SAID...
"...YOU DO **NOT** WANT TO BE CAUGHT OUT-SIDE AT NIGHT."


SHORTLY...
...THERE'S EVEN A HUGE CITY DOWN HERE, THOUGH WE HAVEN'T ACTUALLY SEEN IT YET. IT'S BEEN ONE SURPRISE AFTER ANOTHER TODAY!
AT LEAST--"CORAL," WAS IT?--AND THE OTHERS SOUNDED NICE. I ENVY YOU GETTING TO MEET A WHOLE NEW CULTURE FIRST!
THE TALK OF MONSTERS AT NIGHT, EVEN THERE, HAS ME WORRIED, THOUGH. ANY PROGRESS ON FINDING THE GAIA TEMPLE?
MAYBE? NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT A GAIA TEMPLE IS, SO ROTOR'S GOING TO RUN TESTS ON THE STRUCTURE HERE IN THE MORNING. OH! ANOTHER WEIRD THING--CORAL SAID SOME SPIRITS TOLD HER WE WERE COMING.
I...I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF IT.
HMM...WELL, PLAY IT BY EAR. I KNOW YOU GUYS CAN HANDLE IT.
BY THE WAY... HOW'S SONIC?
HE FREAKED A LITTLE ABOUT GOING UNDERWATER, BUT OTHERWISE HE SEEMS LIKE HIMSELF. I DUNNO, SALLY--HE'S REALLY HARD TO READ SOMETIMES.
TELL ME ABOUT IT. STILL--THAT EXPOSURE TO THE DARK ENERGY HAS ME CONCERNED, EVEN IF *HE* DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE ABOUT IT. KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
HAHA! NOT A PROBLEM!
WE'RE GOING TO STOP THE SKY PATROL SOON AND PROCEED THE REST OF THE WAY STEALTHILY. I DON'T WANT EGGMAN TO KNOW WE'RE CLOSING IN ON AN EMERALD. REST UP--AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES OUT THERE.
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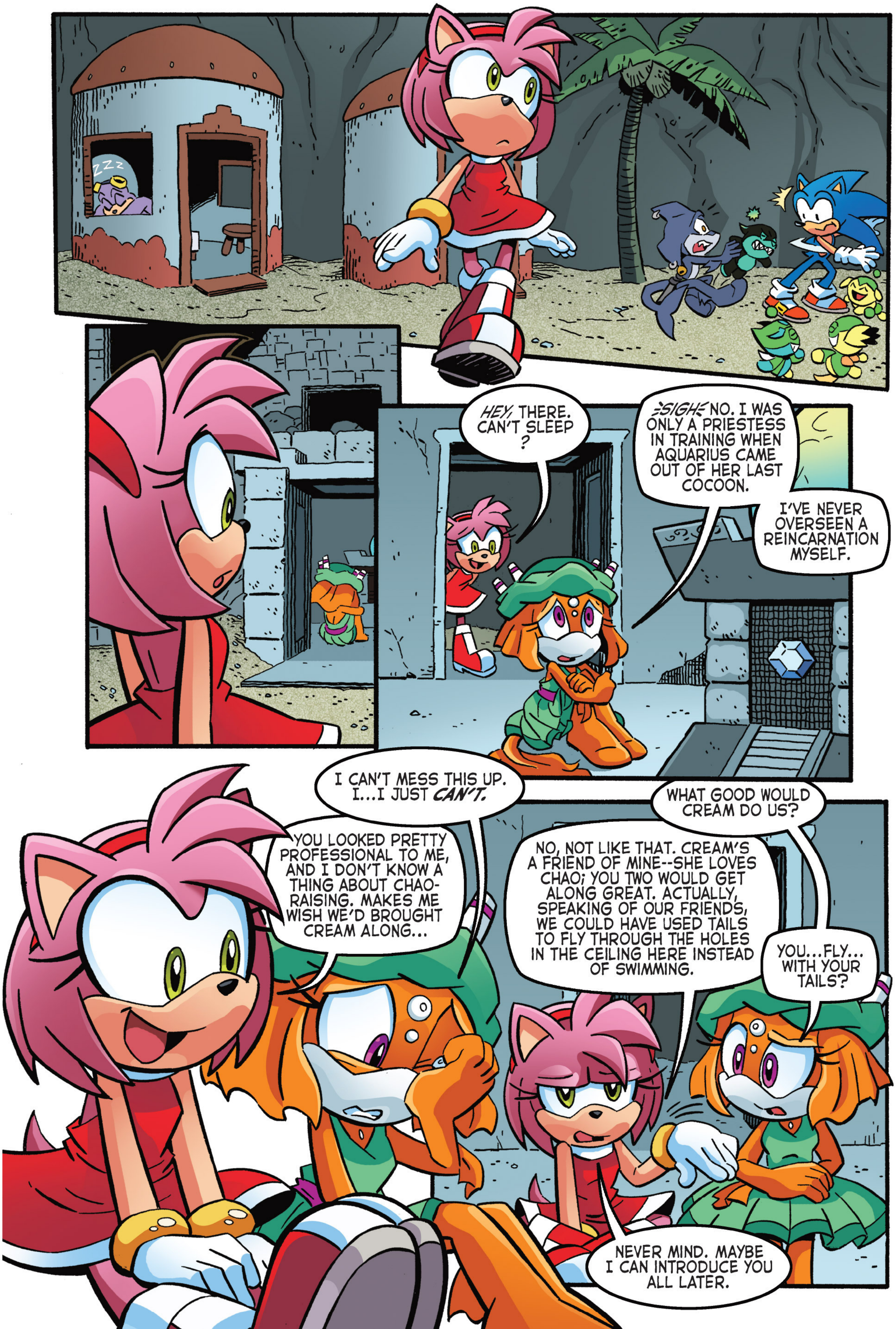
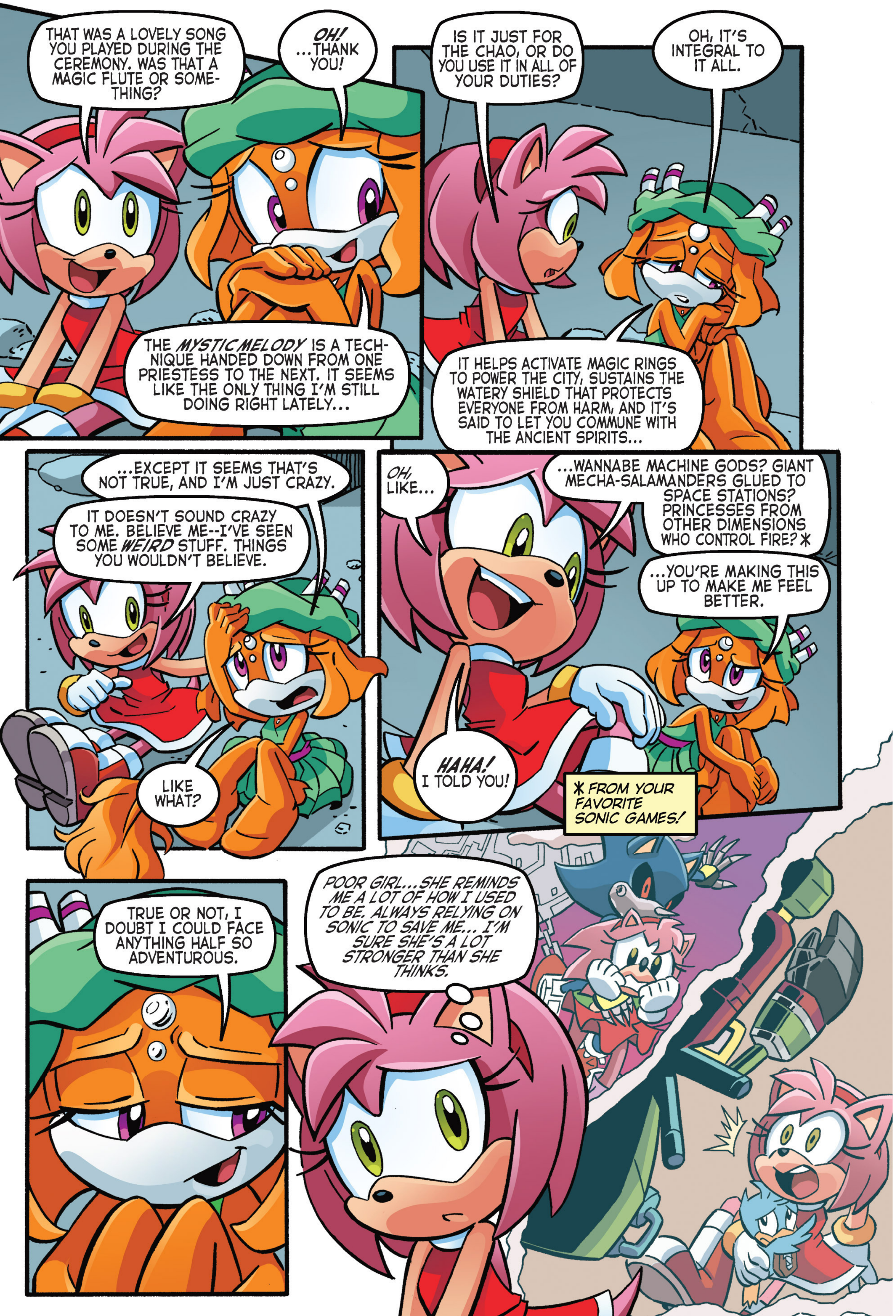
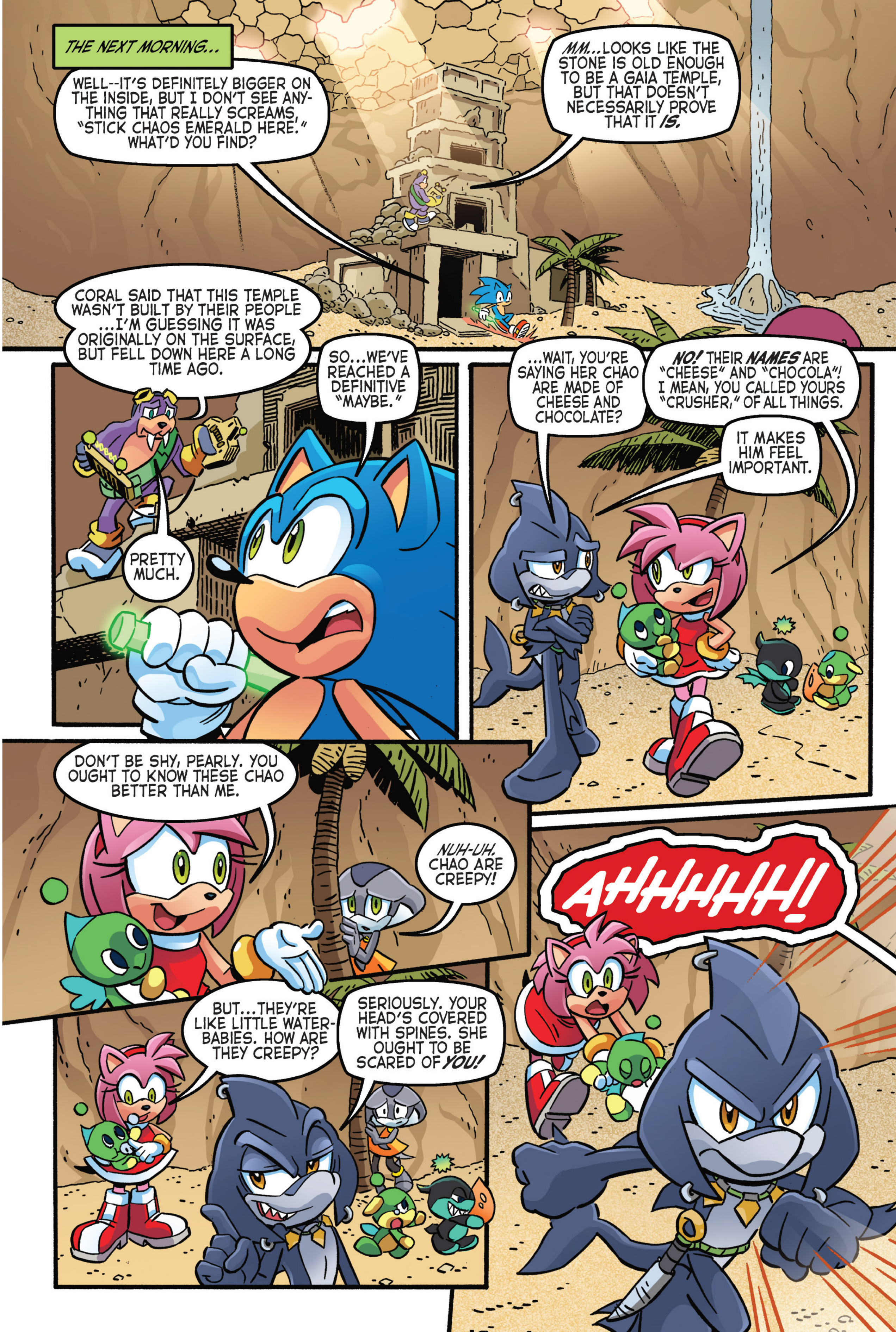
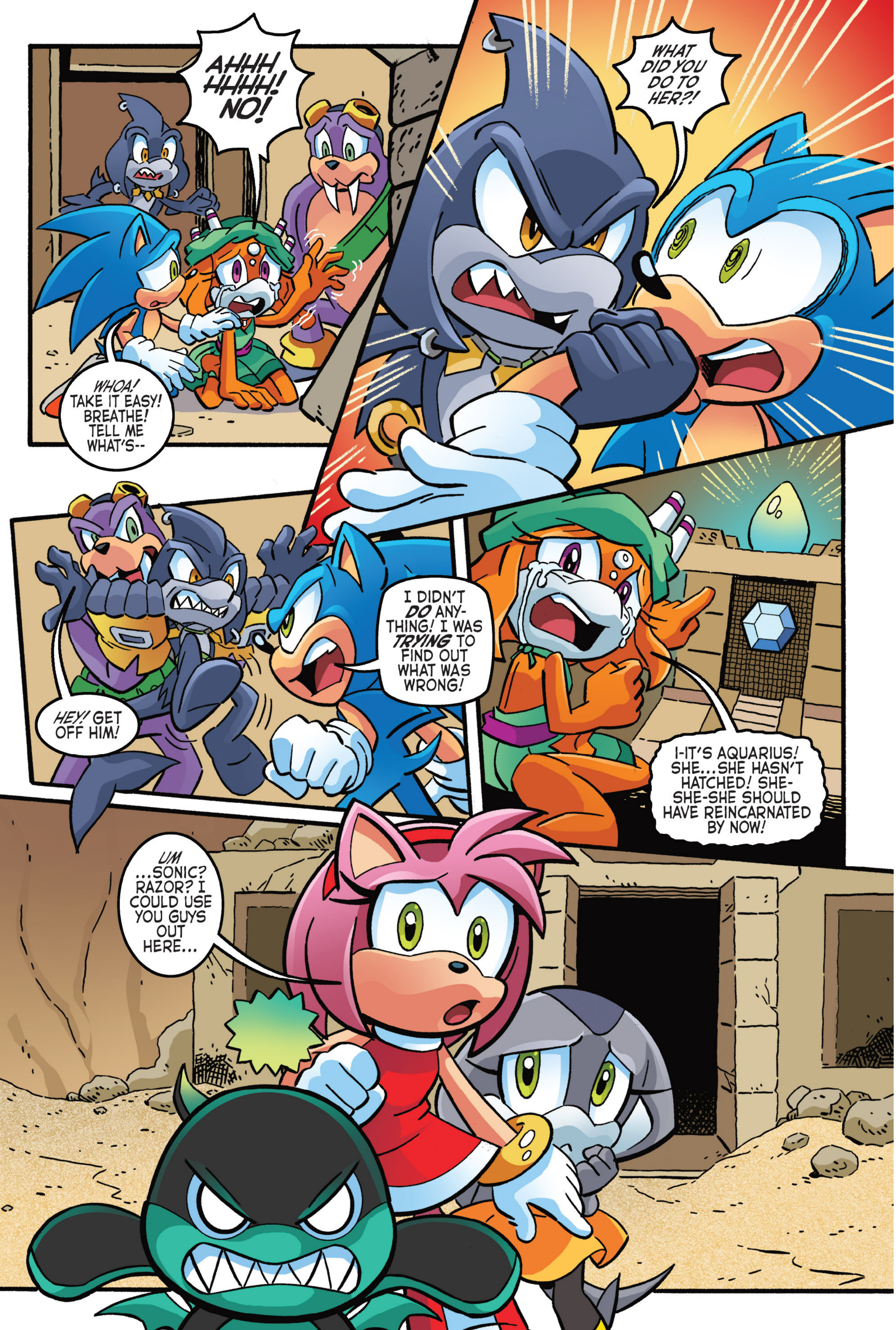
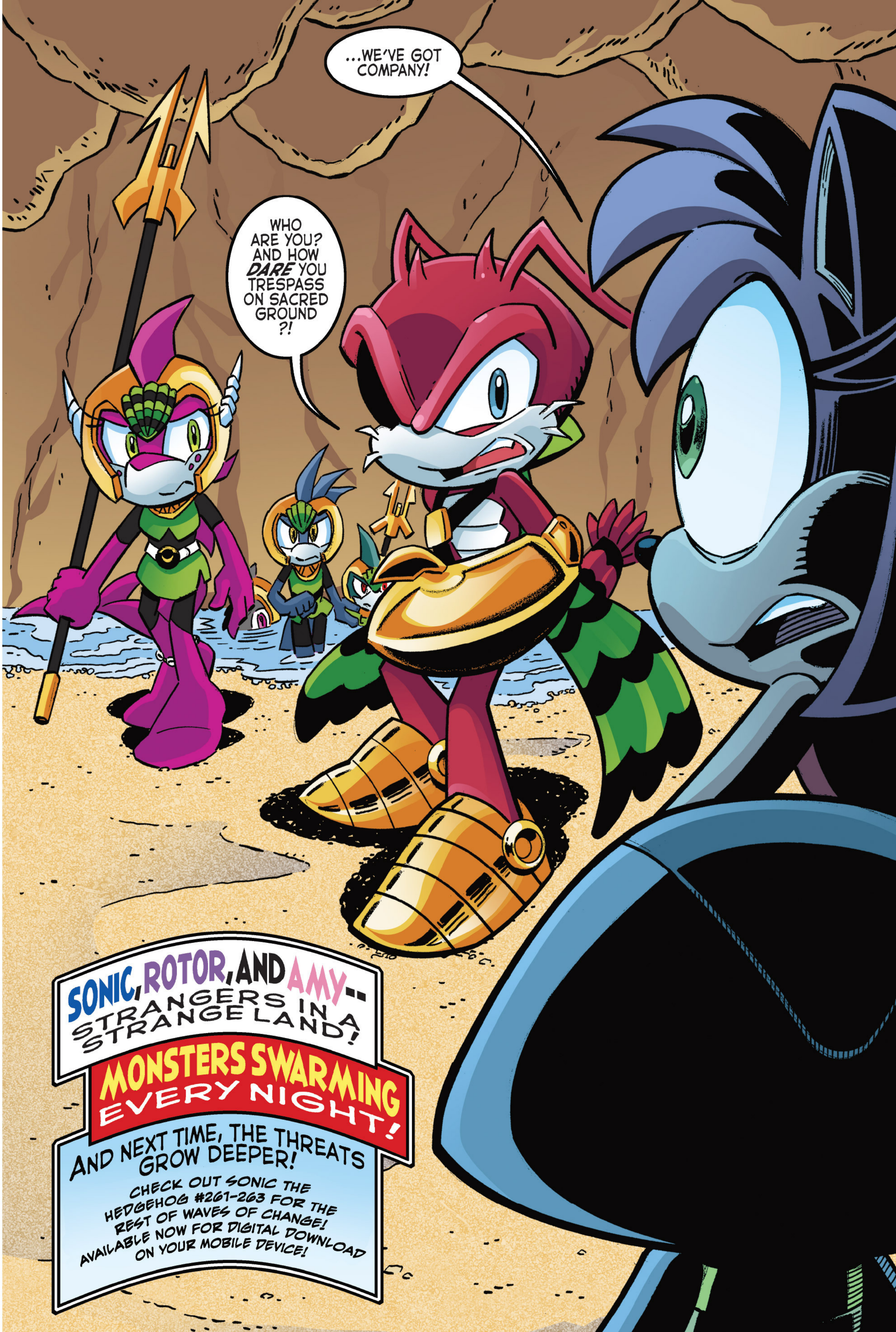
YOU, TOO. G'NITE, SALLY, AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR MISSION.


HEY, THERE. CAN'T SLEEP?
SIGH NO. I WAS ONLY A PRIESTESS IN TRAINING WHEN AQUARIUS CAME OUT OF HER LAST COCOON.
I'VE NEVER OVERSEEN A REINCARNATION MYSELF.
I CAN'T MESS THIS UP. I...I JUST *CAN'T.*
YOU LOOKED PRETTY PROFESSIONAL TO ME, AND I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT CHAO-RAISING. MAKES ME WISH WE'D BROUGHT CREAM ALONG...
WHAT GOOD WOULD CREAM DO US?
NO, NOT LIKE THAT. CREAM'S A FRIEND OF MINE--SHE LOVES CHAO; YOU TWO WOULD GET ALONG GREAT. ACTUALLY, SPEAKING OF OUR FRIENDS, WE COULD HAVE USED TAILS TO FLY THROUGH THE HOLES IN THE CEILING HERE INSTEAD OF SWIMMING.
YOU...FLY... WITH YOUR TAILS?
NEVER MIND. MAYBE I CAN INTRODUCE YOU ALL LATER.


THAT WAS A LOVELY SONG YOU PLAYED DURING THE CEREMONY. WAS THAT A MAGIC FLUTE OR SOMETHING?
OH! ...THANK YOU!
THE *MYSTIC MELODY* IS A TECHNIQUE HANDED DOWN FROM ONE PRIESTESS TO THE NEXT. IT SEEMS LIKE THE ONLY THING I'M STILL DOING RIGHT LATELY...
IS IT JUST FOR THE CHAO, OR DO YOU USE IT IN ALL OF YOUR DUTIES?
OH, IT'S INTEGRAL TO IT ALL.
IT HELPS ACTIVATE MAGIC RINGS TO POWER THE CITY, SUSTAINS THE WATERY SHIELD THAT PROTECTS EVERYONE FROM HARM, AND IT'S SAID TO LET YOU COMMUNE WITH THE ANCIENT SPIRITS...
...EXCEPT IT SEEMS THAT'S NOT TRUE, AND I'M JUST CRAZY.
IT DOESN'T SOUND CRAZY TO ME. BELIEVE ME--I'VE SEEN SOME *WEIRD* STUFF. THINGS YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE.
LIKE WHAT?
OH, LIKE...
...WANNABE MACHINE GODS? GIANT MECHA-SALAMANDERS GLUED TO SPACE STATIONS? PRINCESSES FROM OTHER DIMENSIONS WHO CONTROL FIRE?*
...YOU'RE MAKING THIS UP TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.
HAHA! I TOLD YOU!
*FROM YOUR FAVORITE SONIC GAMES!
TRUE OR NOT, I DOUBT I COULD FACE ANYTHING HALF SO ADVENTUROUS.
POOR GIRL... SHE REMINDS ME A LOT OF HOW I USED TO BE. ALWAYS RELYING ON SONIC TO SAVE ME... I'M SURE SHE'S A LOT STRONGER THAN SHE THINKS.


THE NEXT MORNING...
WELL--IT'S DEFINITELY BIGGER ON THE INSIDE, BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING THAT REALLY SCREAMS, "STICK CHAOS EMERALD HERE." WHAT'D YOU FIND?
MM...LOOKS LIKE THE STONE IS OLD ENOUGH TO BE A GAIA TEMPLE, BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY PROVE THAT IT *IS.*
CORAL SAID THAT THIS TEMPLE WASN'T BUILT BY THEIR PEOPLE ...I'M GUESSING IT WAS ORIGINALLY ON THE SURFACE, BUT FELL DOWN HERE A LONG TIME AGO.
SO...WE'VE REACHED A DEFINITIVE "MAYBE."
PRETTY MUCH.
...WAIT, YOU'RE SAYING HER CHAO ARE MADE OF CHEESE AND CHOCOLATE?
NO! THEIR ***NAMES*** ARE "CHEESE" AND "CHOCOLA"! I MEAN, YOU CALLED YOURS "CRUSHER," OF ALL THINGS.
IT MAKES HIM FEEL IMPORTANT.
DON'T BE SHY, PEARLY. YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THESE CHAO BETTER THAN ME.
NUH-UH. CHAO ARE CREEPY!
BUT...THEY'RE LIKE LITTLE WATER-BABIES. HOW ARE THEY CREEPY?
SERIOUSLY. YOUR HEAD'S COVERED WITH SPINES. SHE OUGHT TO BE SCARED OF ***YOU!***
AHHHHH!


AHHH HHHH! NO!
WHOA! TAKE IT EASY! BREATHE! TELL ME WHAT'S--
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?!
HEY! GET OFF HIM!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING! I WAS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS WRONG!
I-IT'S AQUARIUS! SHE...SHE HASN'T HATCHED! SHE-SHE-SHE SHOULD HAVE REINCARNATED BY NOW!
UM ...SONIC? RAZOR? I COULD USE YOU GUYS OUT HERE...


...WE'VE GOT COMPANY!
WHO ARE YOU? AND HOW *DARE* YOU TRESPASS ON SACRED GROUND ?!
SONIC, ROTOR, AND AMY-- STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND!
MONSTERS SWARMING EVERY NIGHT!
AND NEXT TIME, THE THREATS GROW DEEPER!
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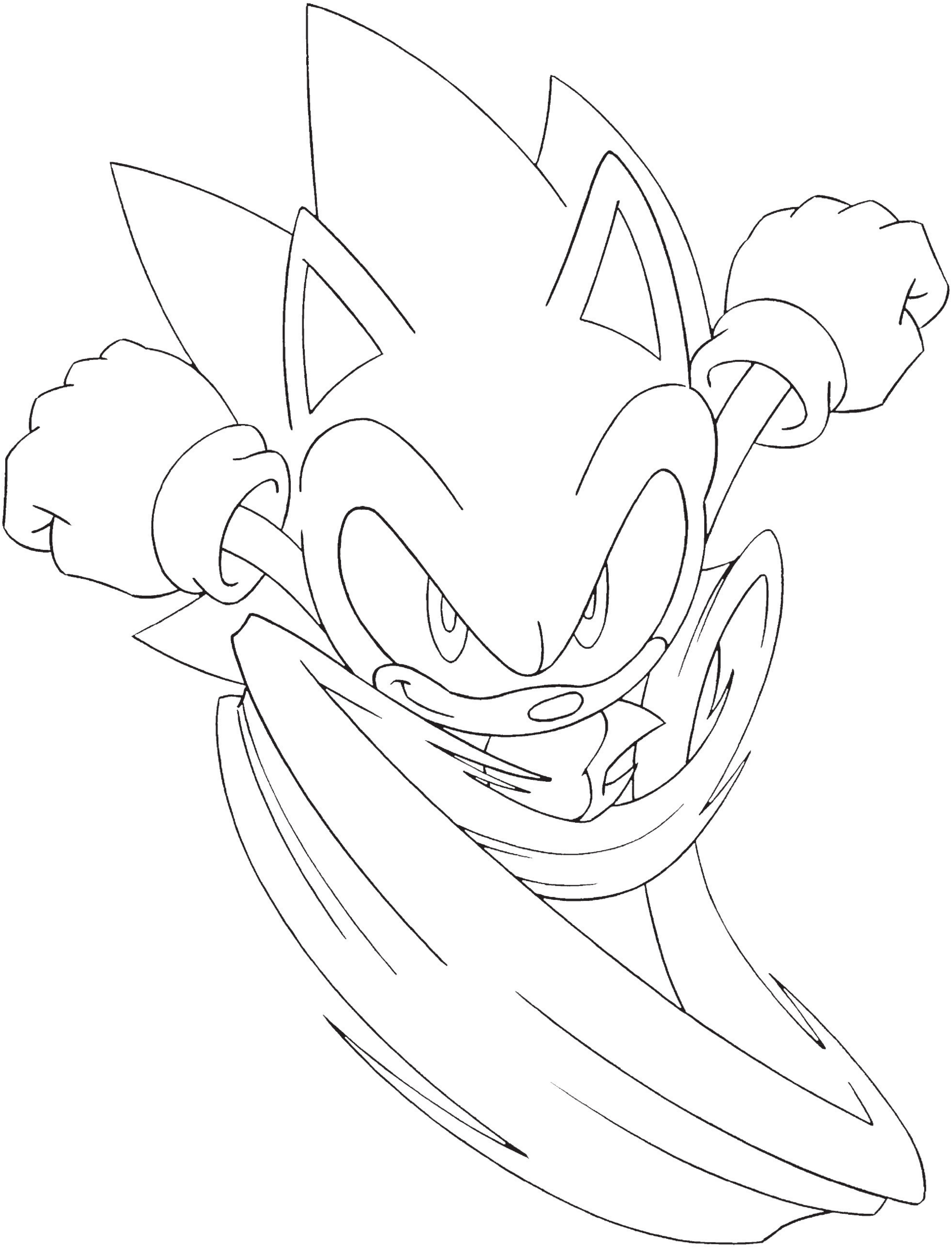

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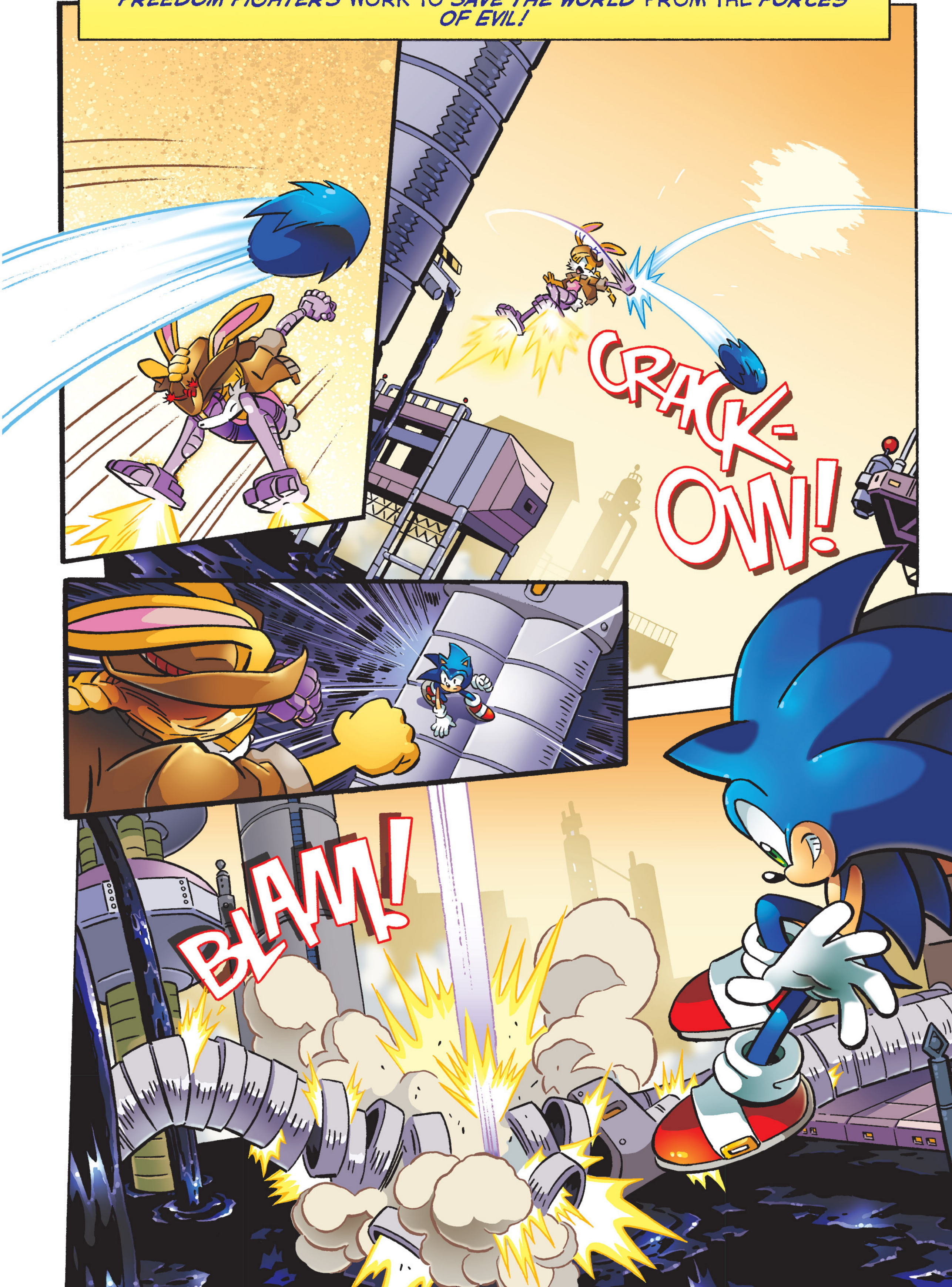
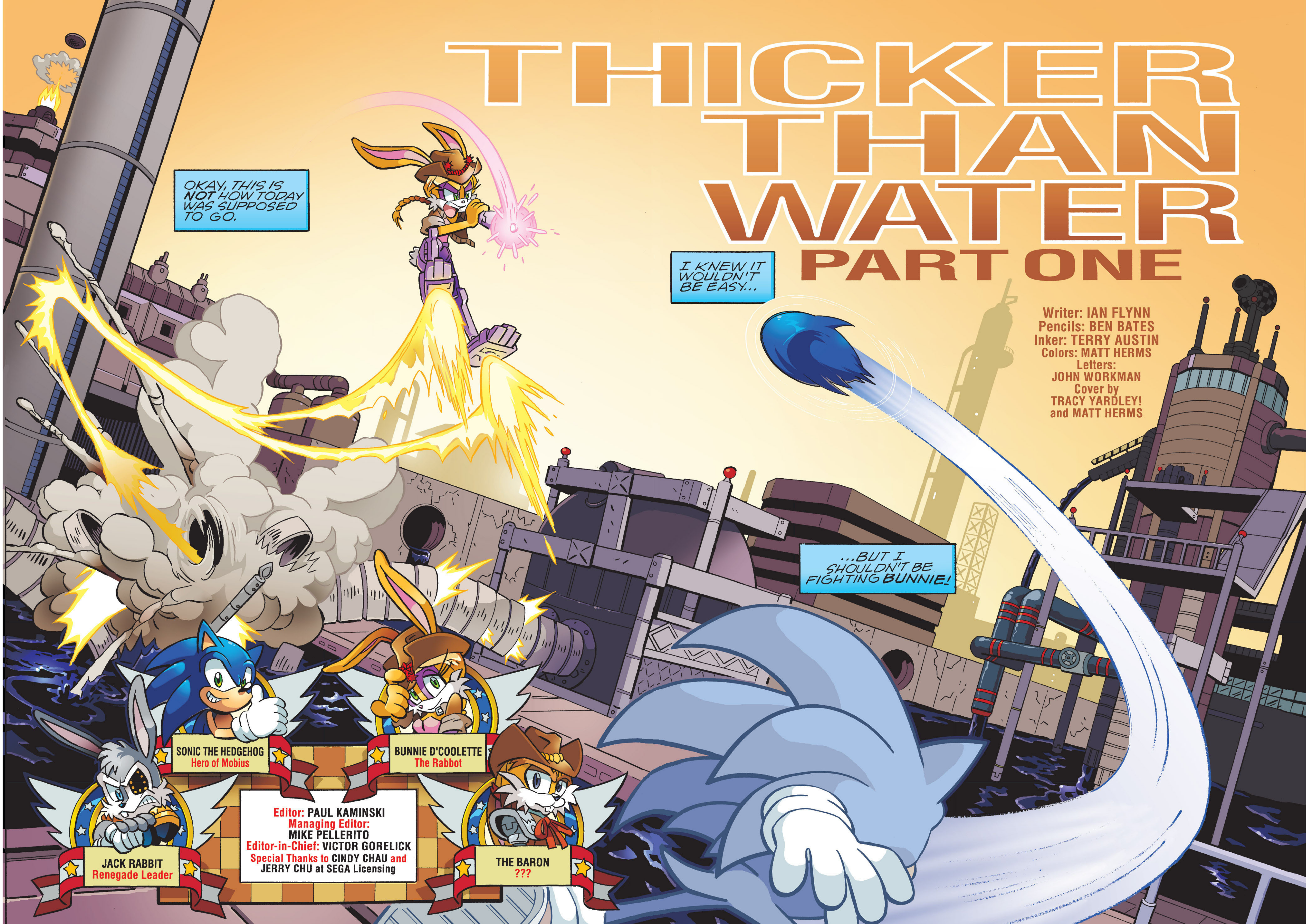

CRACK-OW!
BLAM!



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OKAY, THIS IS **NOT** HOW TODAY WAS SUPPOSED TO GO.
I KNEW IT WOULDN'T BE EASY...
...BUT I SHOULDN'T BE FIGHTING **BUNNIE!**
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Hero of Mobius
BUNNIE D'COOLETTE
The Rabbot
JACK RABBIT
Renegade Leader
THE BARON
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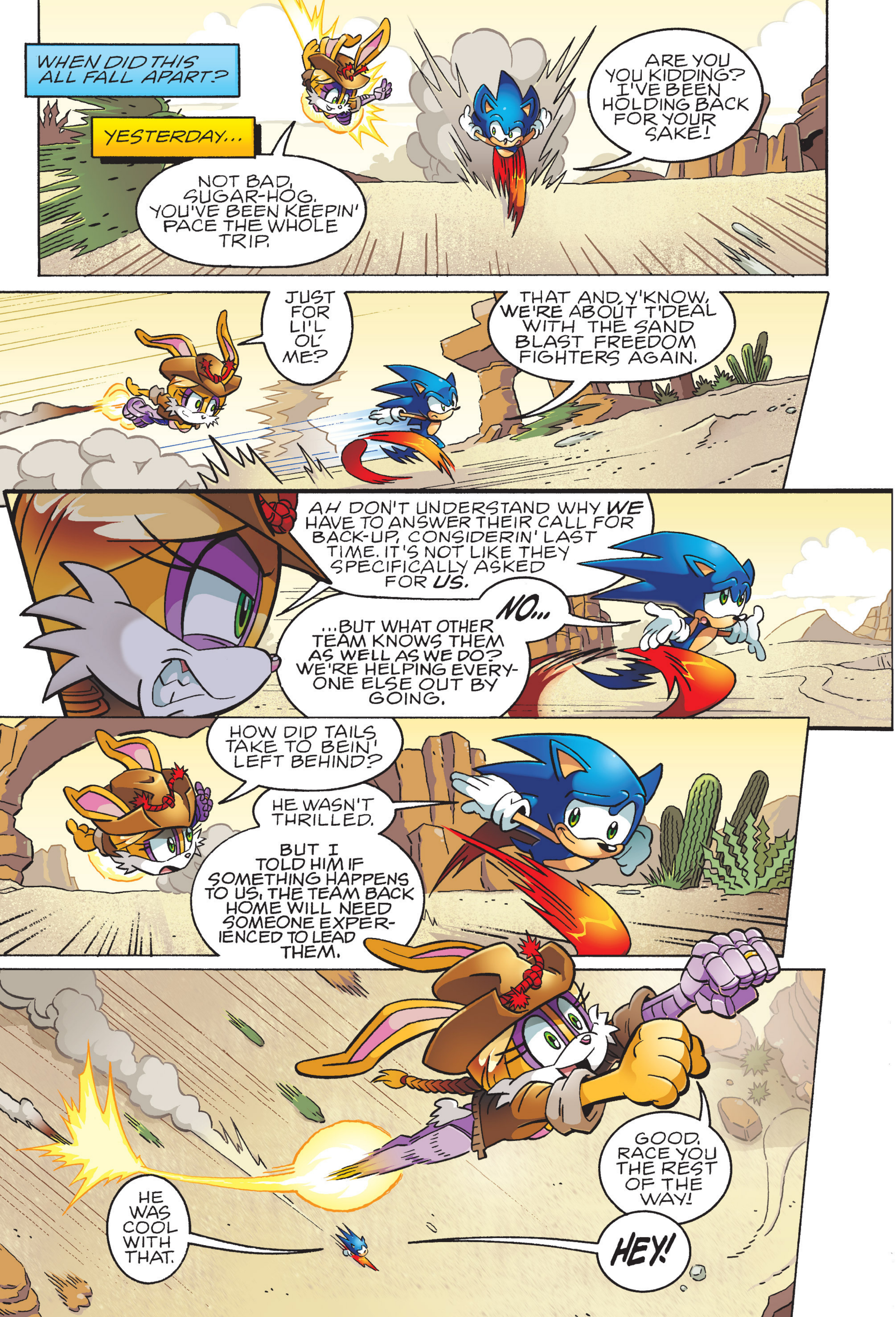
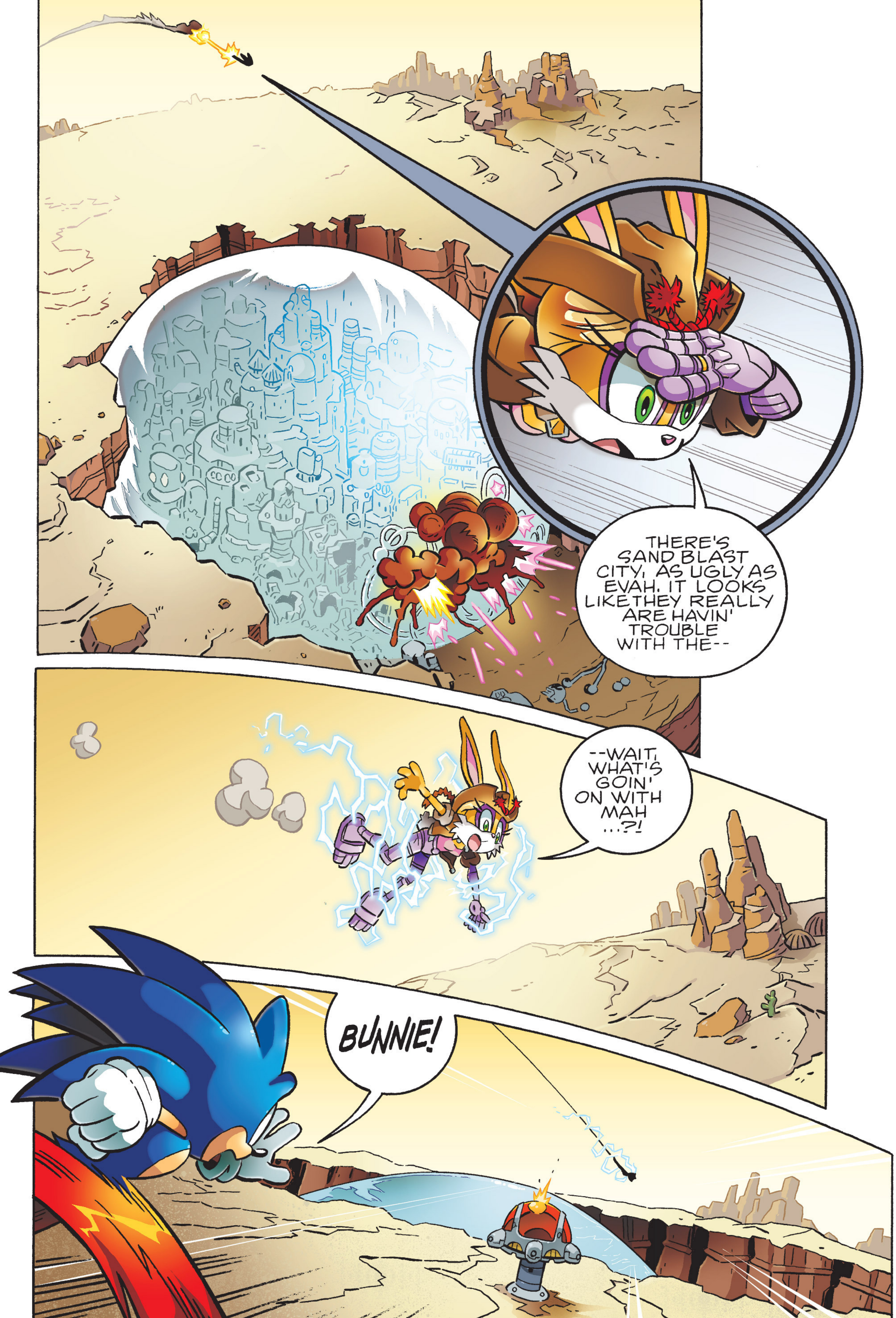
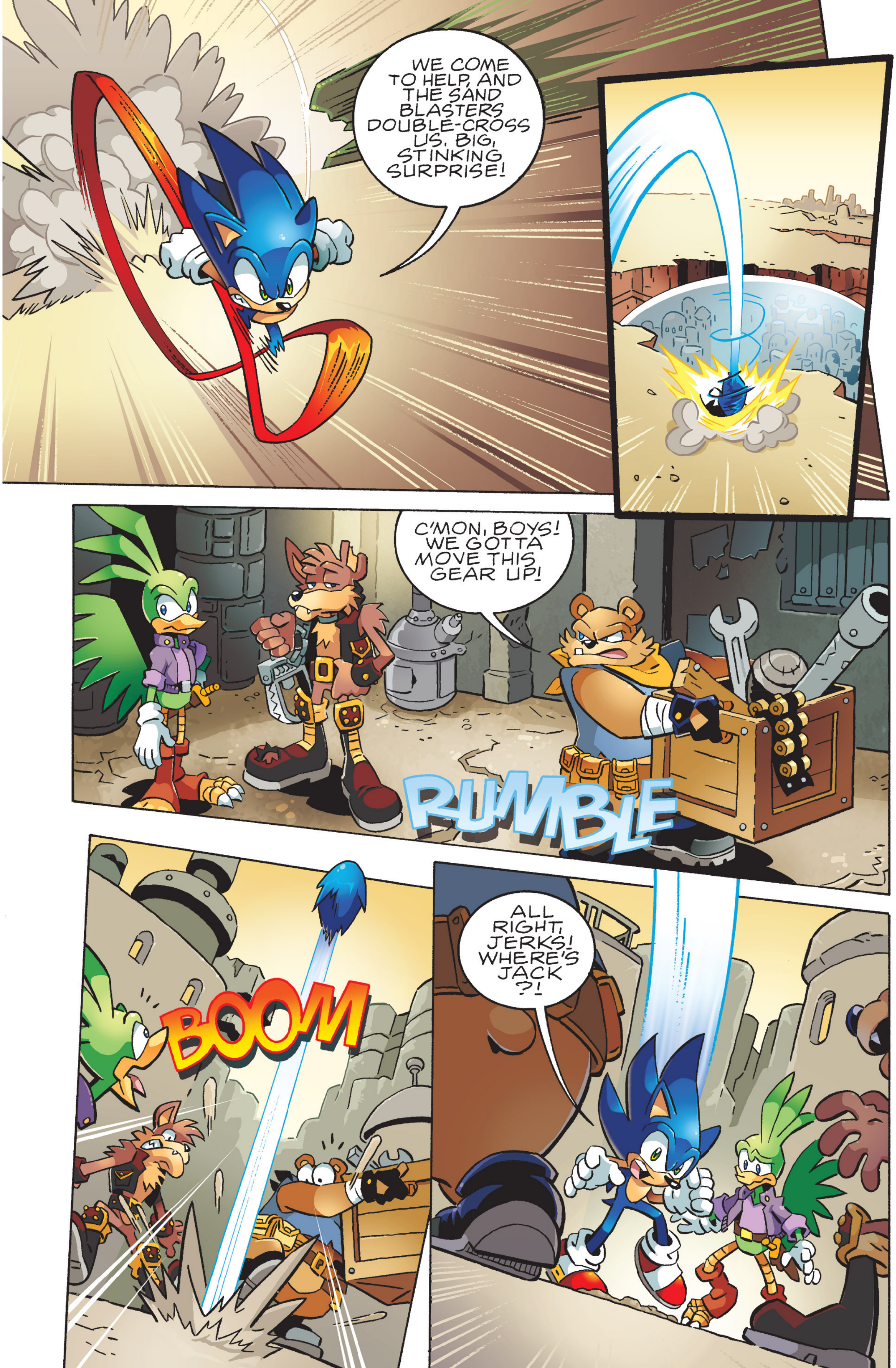
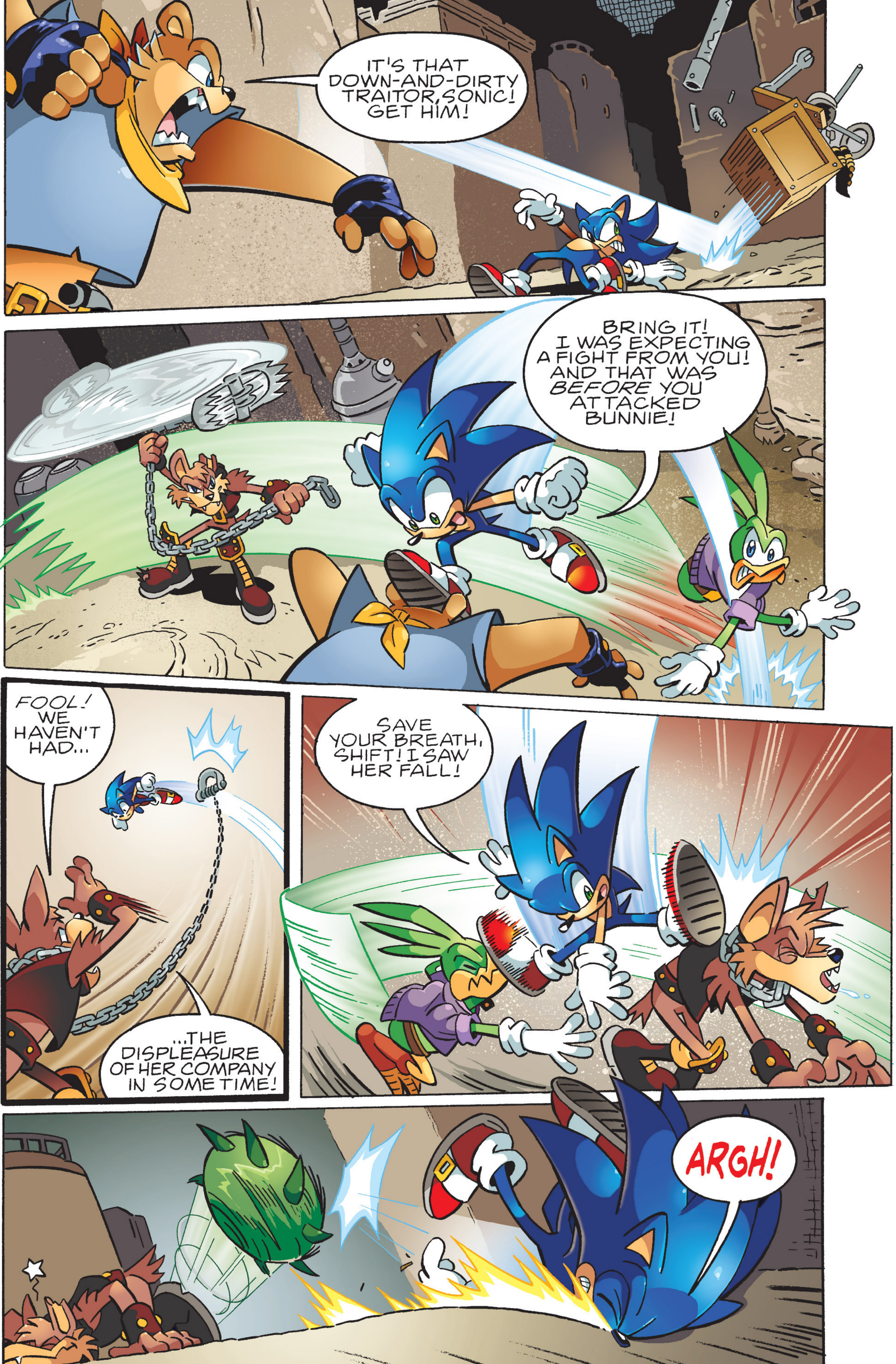
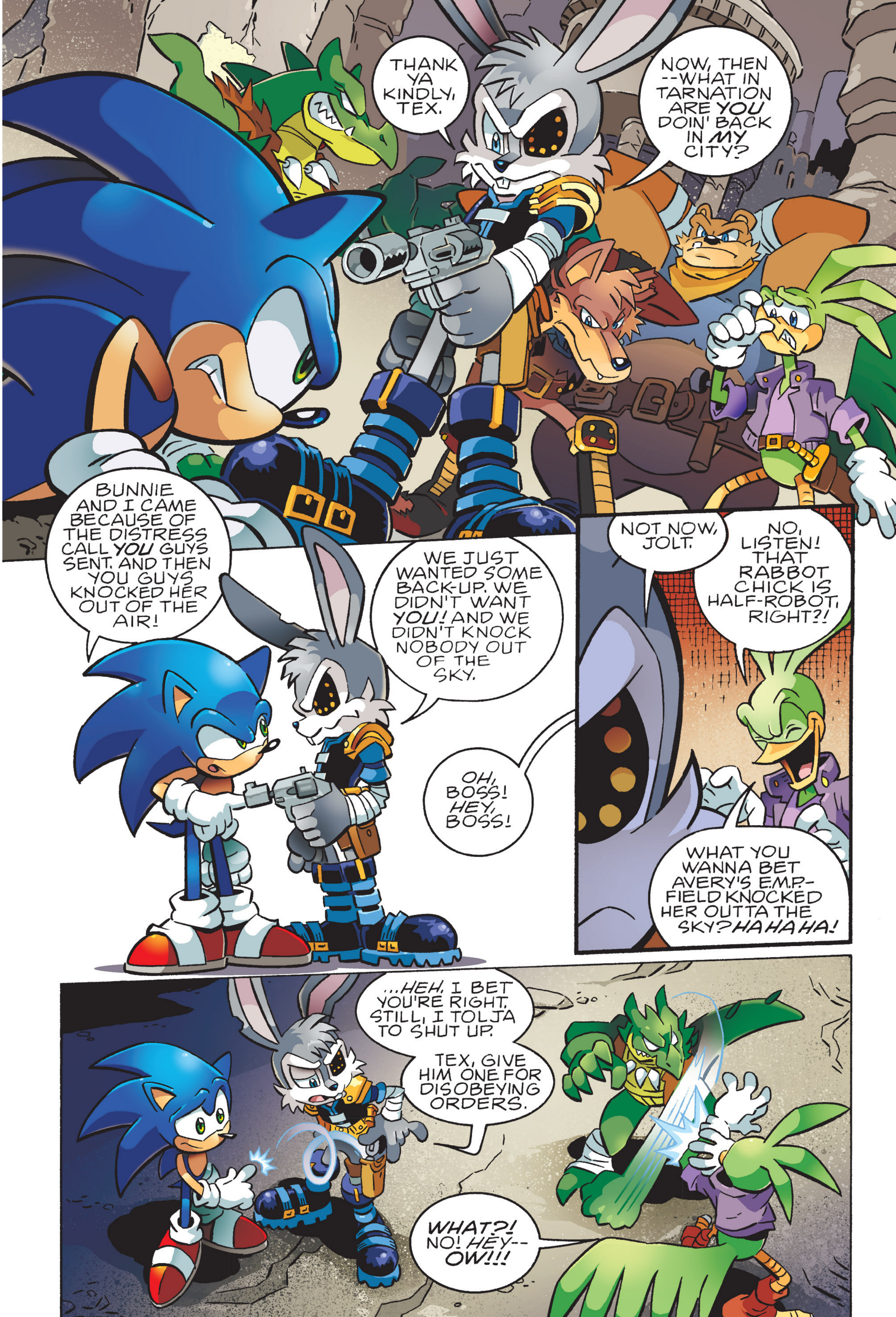
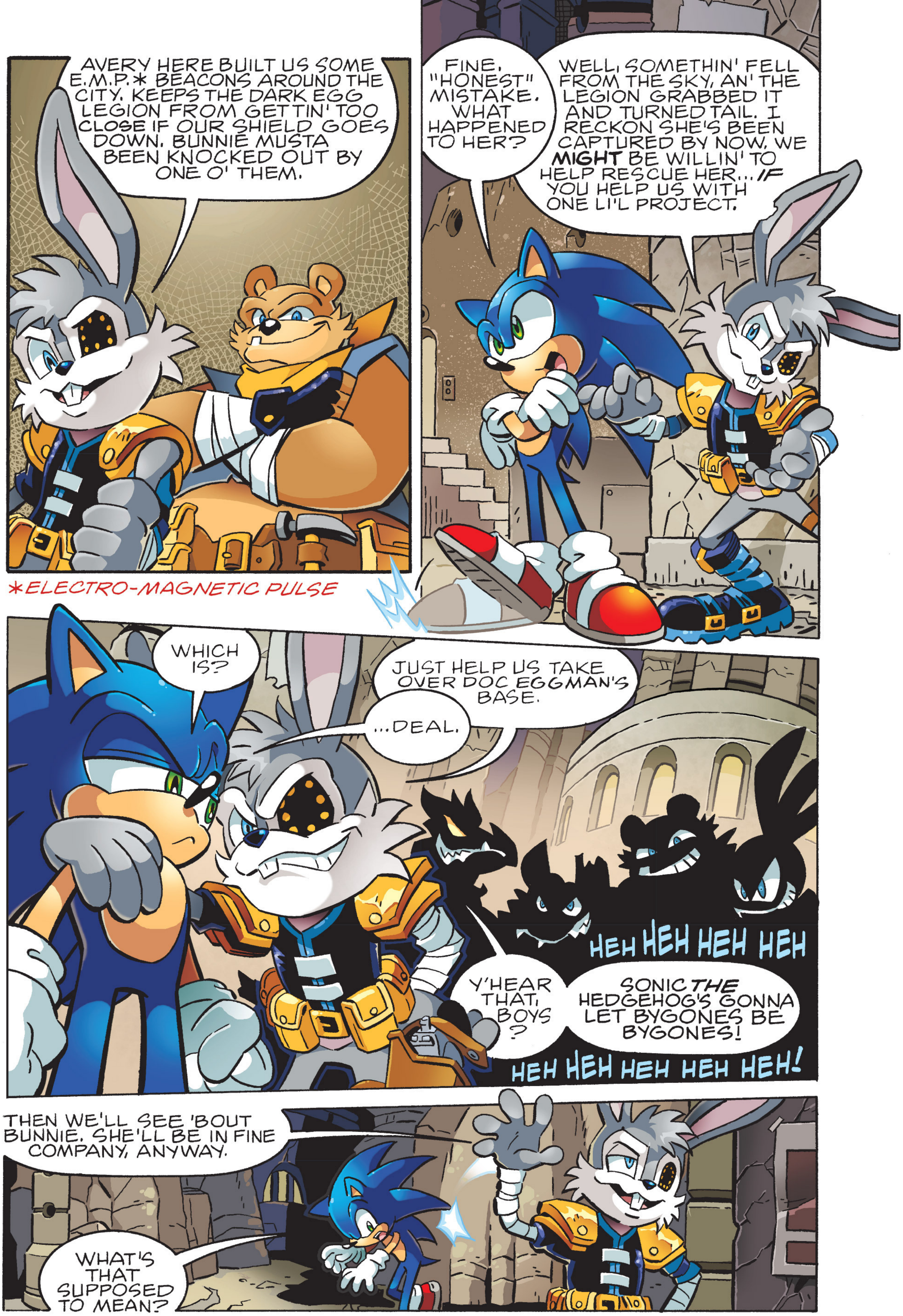

WHEN DID THIS ALL FALL APART?
YESTERDAY...
NOT BAD, SUGAR-HOG. YOU'VE BEEN KEEPIN' PACE THE WHOLE TRIP.
ARE YOU YOU KIDDING? I'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK FOR YOUR SAKE!
JUST FOR LI'L OL' ME?
THAT AND, Y'KNOW, WE'RE ABOUT T'DEAL WITH THE SAND BLAST FREEDOM FIGHTERS AGAIN.
AH DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVE TO ANSWER THEIR CALL FOR BACK-UP, CONSIDERIN' LAST TIME. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR US.
NO...
...BUT WHAT OTHER TEAM KNOWS THEM AS WELL AS WE DO? WE'RE HELPING EVERYONE ELSE OUT BY GOING.
HOW DID TAILS TAKE TO BEIN' LEFT BEHIND?
HE WASN'T THRILLED.
BUT I TOLD HIM IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO US, THE TEAM BACK HOME WILL NEED SOMEONE EXPERIENCED TO LEAD THEM.
GOOD. RACE YOU THE REST OF THE WAY!
HE WAS COOL WITH THAT.
HEY!

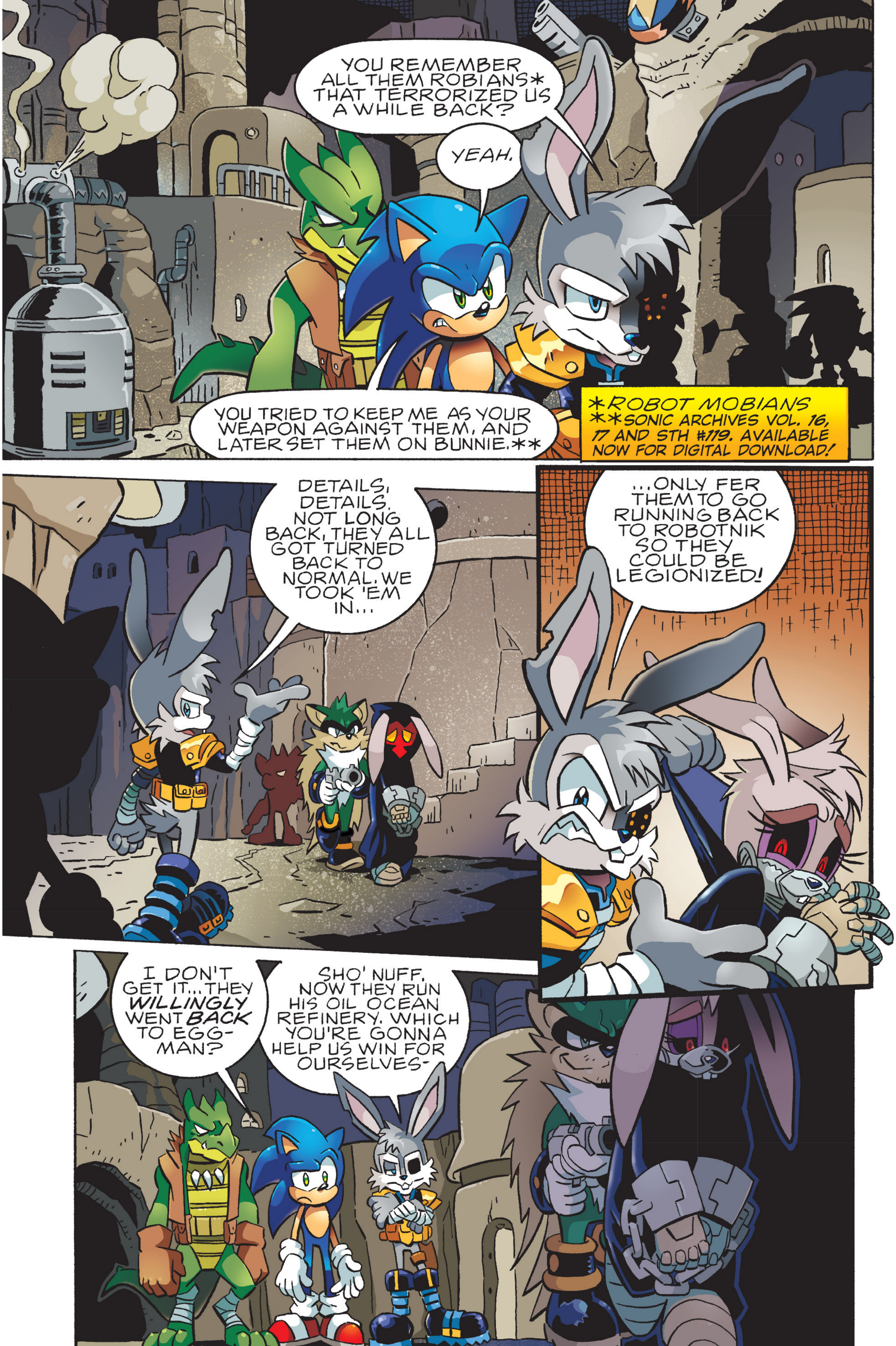

THERE'S SAND BLAST CITY, AS UGLY AS EVAH. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY REALLY ARE HAVIN' TROUBLE WITH THE--
--WAIT, WHAT'S GOIN' ON WITH MAH ...?!
BUNNIE!

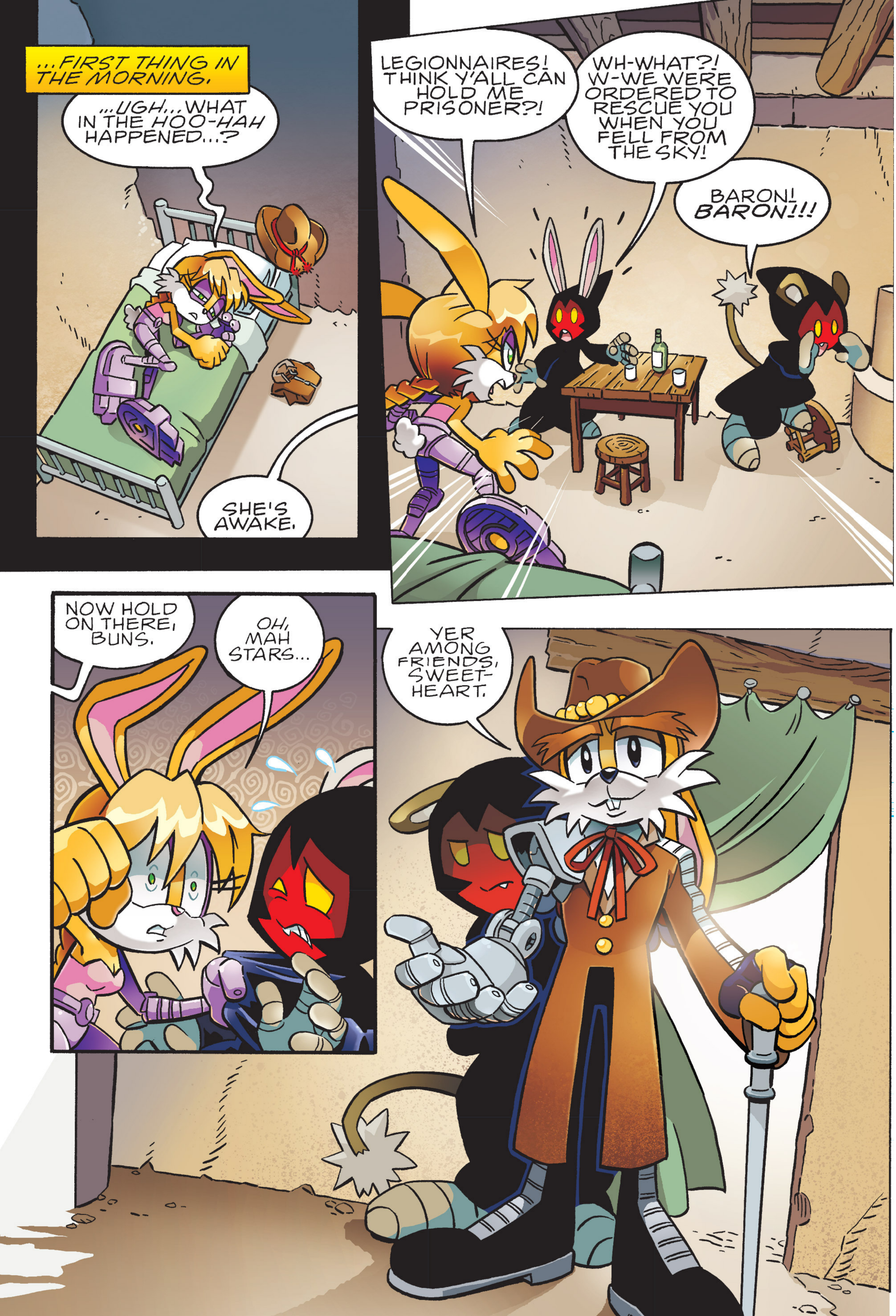

WE COME TO HELP, AND THE SAND BLASTERS DOUBLE-CROSS US. BIG, STINKING SURPRISE!
C'MON, BOYS! WE GOTTA MOVE THIS GEAR UP!
RUMBLE
BOOM
ALL RIGHT, JERKS! WHERE'S JACK?!

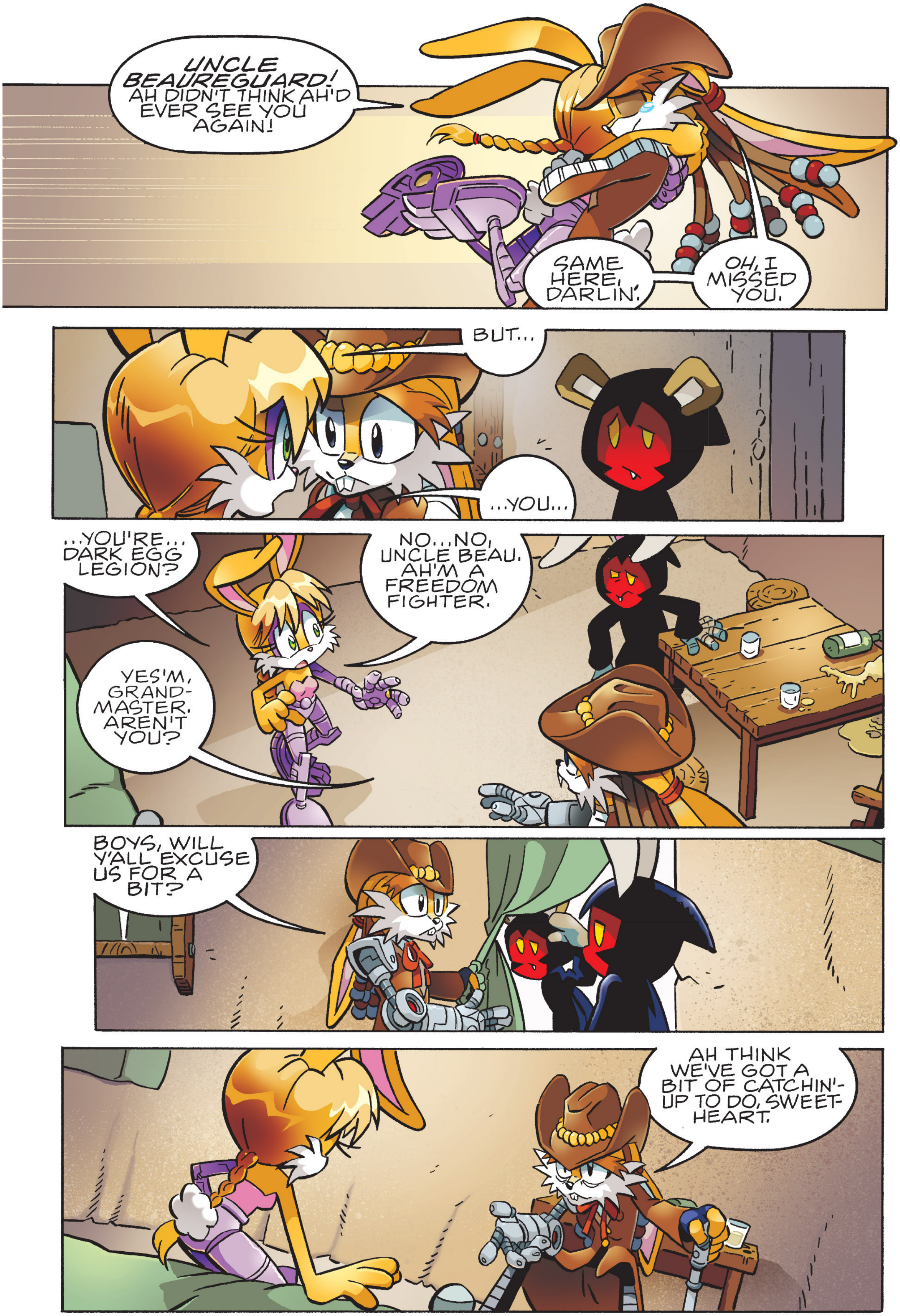

IT'S THAT DOWN-AND-DIRTY TRAITOR, SONIC! GET HIM!
BRING IT! I WAS EXPECTING A FIGHT FROM YOU! AND THAT WAS *BEFORE* YOU ATTACKED BUNNIE!
FOOL! WE HAVEN'T HAD...
...THE DISPLEASURE OF HER COMPANY IN SOME TIME!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, SHIFT! I SAW HER FALL!
ARGH!

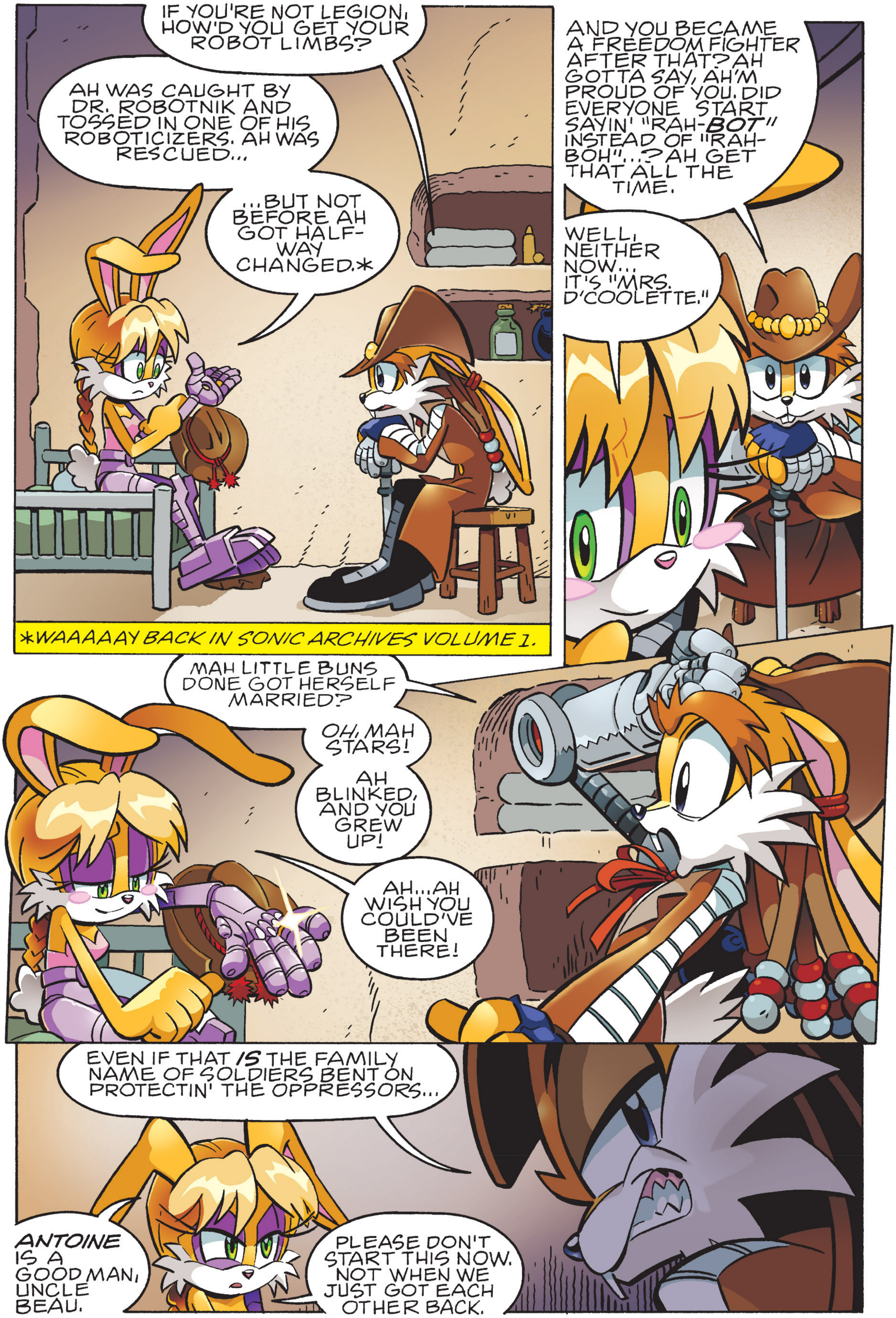

THANK YA KINDLY, TEX.
NOW, THEN --WHAT IN TARNATION ARE *YOU* DOIN' BACK IN *MY* CITY?
BUNNIE AND I CAME BECAUSE OF THE DISTRESS CALL *YOU* GUYS SENT. AND THEN YOU GUYS KNOCKED HER OUT OF THE AIR!
WE JUST WANTED SOME BACK-UP. WE DIDN'T WANT *YOU!* AND WE DIDN'T KNOCK NOBODY OUT OF THE SKY.
OH, BOSS! HEY, BOSS!
NOT NOW, JOLT.
NO, LISTEN! THAT RABBOT CHICK IS HALF-ROBOT, RIGHT?!
WHAT YOU WANNA BET AVERY'S E.M.P.-FIELD KNOCKED HER OUTTA THE SKY? *HAHAHA!*
...*HEH.* I BET YOU'RE RIGHT. STILL, I TOLJA TO SHUT UP.
TEX, GIVE HIM ONE FOR DISOBEYING ORDERS.
WHAT?! NO! *HEY-- OW!!!*

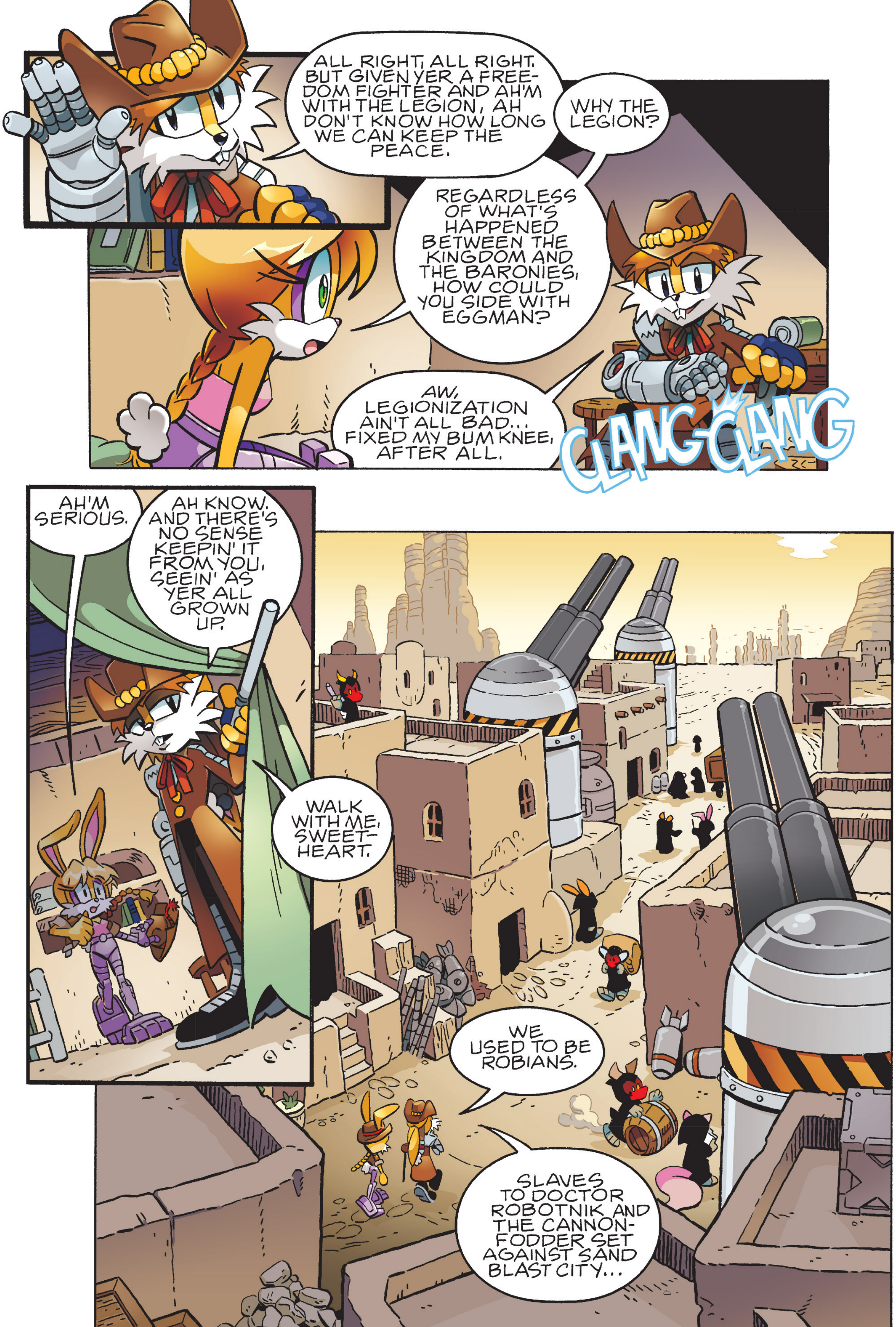

AVERY HERE BUILT US SOME E.M.P.* BEACONS AROUND THE CITY. KEEPS THE DARK EGG LEGION FROM GETTIN' TOO CLOSE IF OUR SHIELD GOES DOWN. BUNNIE MUSTA BEEN KNOCKED OUT BY ONE O' THEM.
*ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE
FINE. "HONEST" MISTAKE. WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
WELL, SOMETHIN' FELL FROM THE SKY, AN' THE LEGION GRABBED IT AND TURNED TAIL. I RECKON SHE'S BEEN CAPTURED BY NOW. WE **MIGHT** BE WILLIN' TO HELP RESCUE HER... *IF* YOU HELP US WITH ONE LI'L PROJECT.
WHICH IS?
JUST HELP US TAKE OVER DOC EGGMAN'S BASE.
...DEAL.
HEH HEH HEH HEH
Y'HEAR THAT, BOYS?
SONIC *THE* HEDGEHOG'S GONNA LET BYGONES BE BYGONES!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH!
THEN WE'LL SEE 'BOUT BUNNIE. SHE'LL BE IN FINE COMPANY, ANYWAY.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

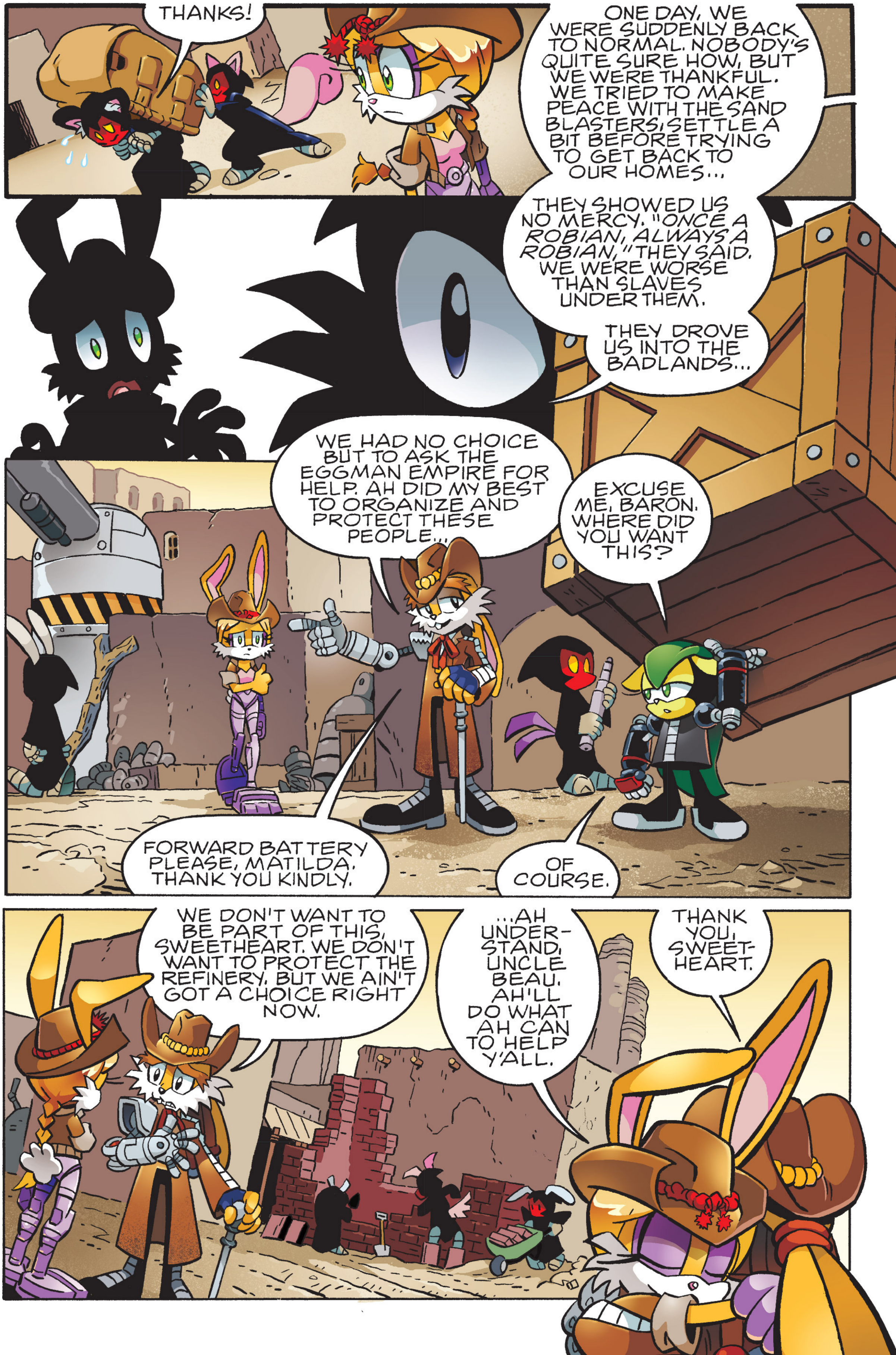

YOU REMEMBER ALL THEM ROBIANS* THAT TERRORIZED US A WHILE BACK?
YEAH.
YOU TRIED TO KEEP ME AS YOUR WEAPON AGAINST THEM, AND LATER SET THEM ON BUNNIE.**
*ROBOT MOBIANS
**SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16, 17 AND STH #119. AVAILABLE NOW FOR DIGITAL DOWNLOAD!
DETAILS, DETAILS. NOT LONG BACK, THEY ALL GOT TURNED BACK TO NORMAL. WE TOOK 'EM IN...
...ONLY FER THEM TO GO RUNNING BACK TO ROBOTNIK SO THEY COULD BE LEGIONIZED!
I DON'T GET IT... THEY WILLINGLY WENT BACK TO EGG-MAN?
SHO' NUFF. NOW THEY RUN HIS OIL OCEAN REFINERY. WHICH YOU'RE GONNA HELP US WIN FOR OURSELVES-

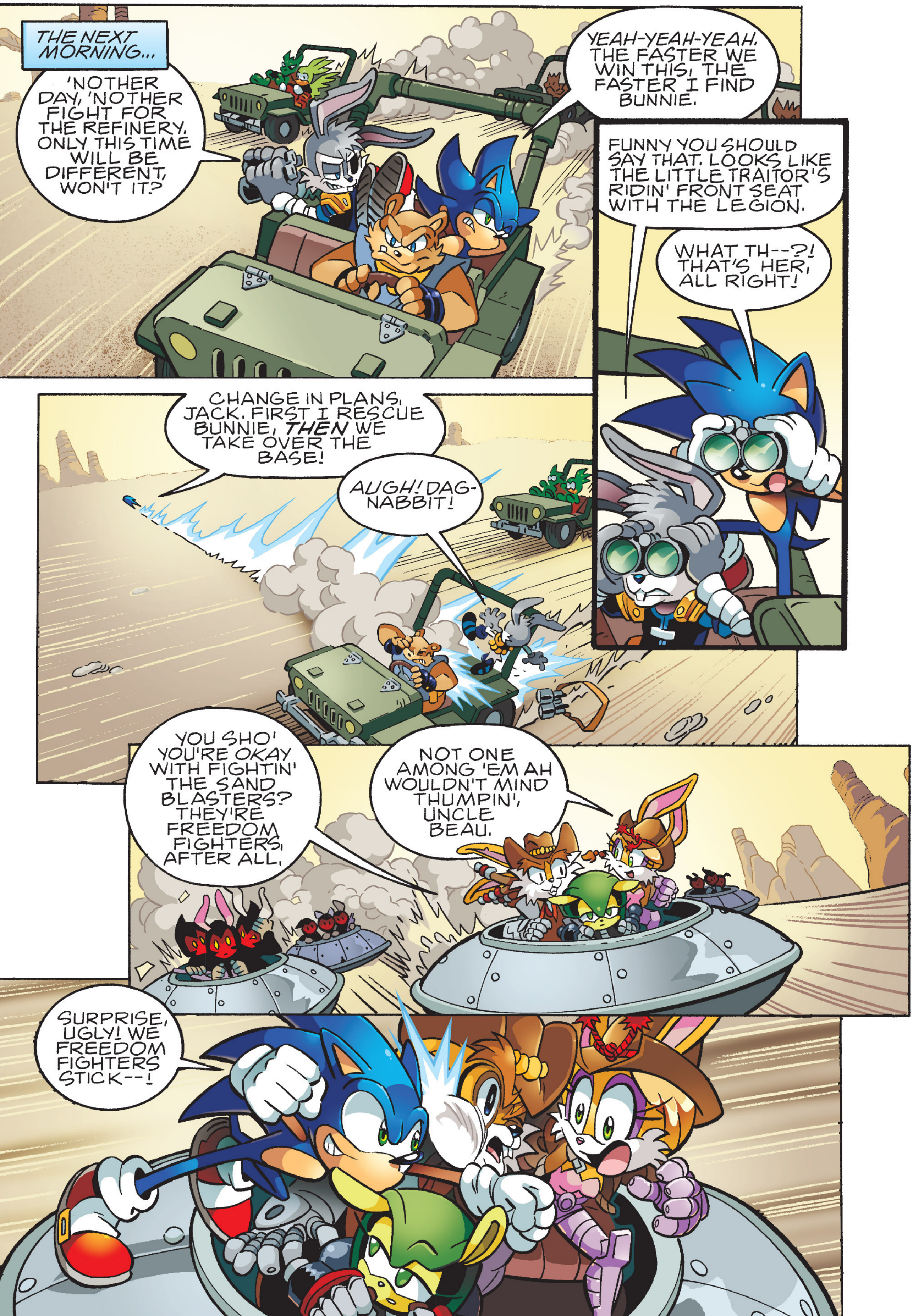

...FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.
...UGH... WHAT IN THE HOO-HAH HAPPENED...?
SHE'S AWAKE.
LEGIONNAIRES! THINK Y'ALL CAN HOLD ME PRISONER?!
WH-WHAT?! W-WE WERE ORDERED TO RESCUE YOU WHEN YOU FELL FROM THE SKY!
BARON! BARON!!!
NOW HOLD ON THERE, BUNS.
OH, MAH STARS...
YER AMONG FRIENDS, SWEET-HEART.

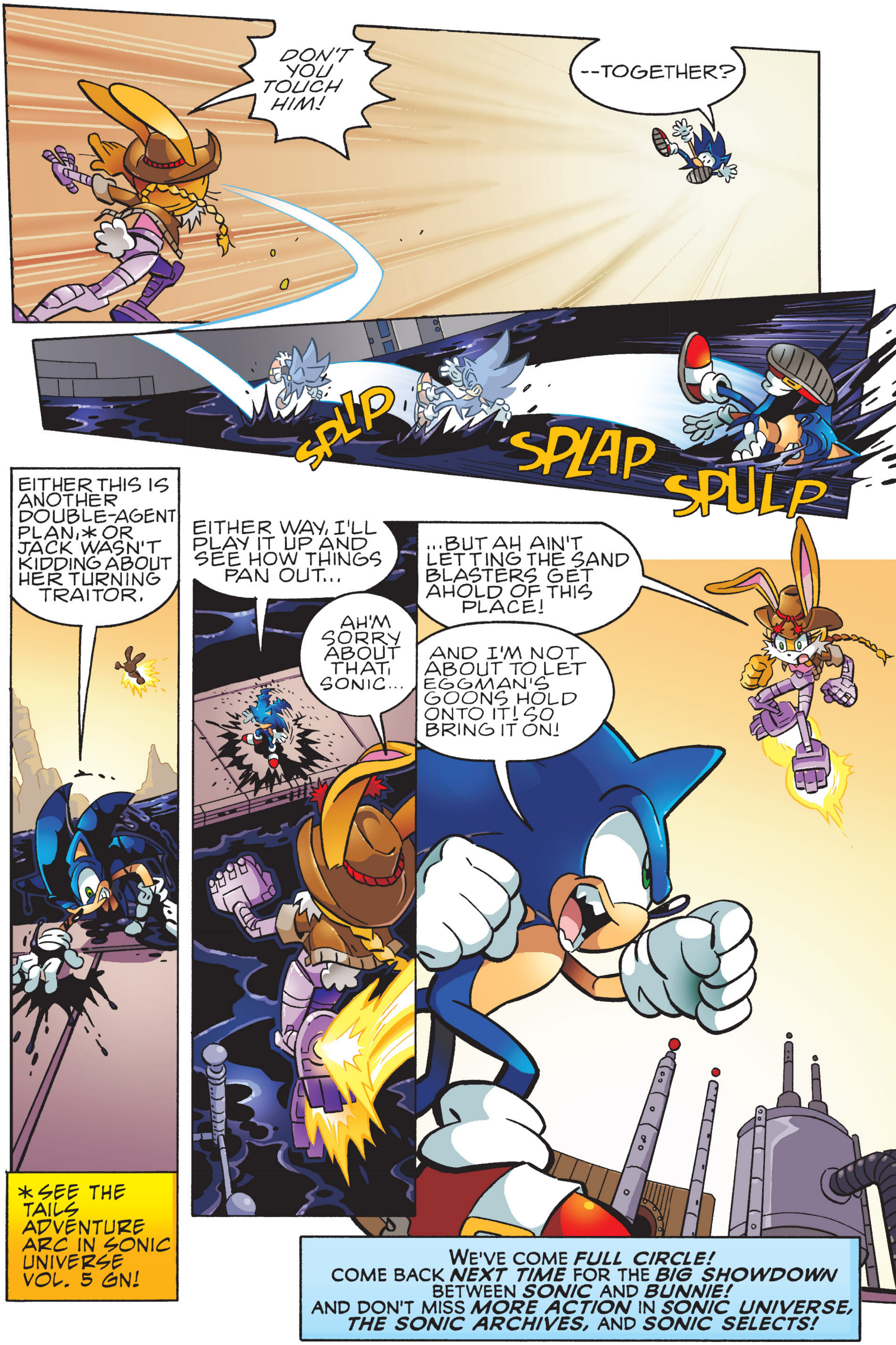

UNCLE BEAUREGUARD! AH DIDN'T THINK AH'D EVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
SAME HERE, DARLIN'.
OH, I MISSED YOU.
BUT...
...YOU...
...YOU'RE... DARK EGG LEGION?
NO...NO, UNCLE BEAU. AH'M A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
YES'M, GRAND-MASTER. AREN'T YOU?
BOYS, WILL Y'ALL EXCUSE US FOR A BIT?
AH THINK WE'VE GOT A BIT OF CATCHIN'-UP TO DO, SWEET-HEART.


IF YOU'RE NOT LEGION, HOW'D YOU GET YOUR ROBOT LIMBS?
AH WAS CAUGHT BY DR. ROBOTNIK AND TOSSED IN ONE OF HIS ROBOTICIZERS. AH WAS RESCUED...
...BUT NOT BEFORE AH GOT HALF-WAY CHANGED.*
*WAAAAAY BACK IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 1.
AND YOU BECAME A FREEDOM FIGHTER AFTER THAT? AH GOTTA SAY, AH'M PROUD OF YOU. DID EVERYONE START SAYIN' "RAH-*BOT*" INSTEAD OF "RAH-BOH"...? AH GET THAT ALL THE TIME.
WELL, NEITHER NOW... IT'S "MRS. D'COOLETTE."
MAH LITTLE BUNS DONE GOT HERSELF MARRIED?
OH, MAH STARS!
AH BLINKED, AND YOU GREW UP!
AH...AH WISH YOU COULD'VE BEEN THERE!
EVEN IF THAT *IS* THE FAMILY NAME OF SOLDIERS BENT ON PROTECTIN' THE OPPRESSORS...
ANTOINE IS A GOOD MAN, UNCLE BEAU.
PLEASE DON'T START THIS NOW. NOT WHEN WE JUST GOT EACH OTHER BACK.


ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. BUT GIVEN YER A FREEDOM FIGHTER AND AH'M WITH THE LEGION, AH DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE CAN KEEP THE PEACE.
WHY THE LEGION?
REGARDLESS OF WHAT'S HAPPENED BETWEEN THE KINGDOM AND THE BARONIES, HOW COULD YOU SIDE WITH EGGMAN?
AW, LEGIONIZATION AIN'T ALL BAD... FIXED MY BUM KNEE, AFTER ALL.
CLANG CLANG
AH'M SERIOUS.
AH KNOW. AND THERE'S NO SENSE KEEPIN' IT FROM YOU, SEEIN' AS YER ALL GROWN UP.
WALK WITH ME, SWEETHEART.
WE USED TO BE ROBIANS.
SLAVES TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND THE CANNON-FODDER SET AGAINST SAND BLAST CITY...


THANKS!
ONE DAY, WE WERE SUDDENLY BACK TO NORMAL. NOBODY'S QUITE SURE HOW, BUT WE WERE THANKFUL. WE TRIED TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE SAND BLASTERS, SETTLE A BIT BEFORE TRYING TO GET BACK TO OUR HOMES...
THEY SHOWED US NO MERCY. "*ONCE A ROBIAN, ALWAYS A ROBIAN,*" THEY SAID. WE WERE WORSE THAN SLAVES UNDER THEM.
THEY DROVE US INTO THE BADLANDS...
WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ASK THE EGGMAN EMPIRE FOR HELP. AH DID MY BEST TO ORGANIZE AND PROTECT THESE PEOPLE...
EXCUSE ME, BARON. WHERE DID YOU WANT THIS?
FORWARD BATTERY PLEASE, MATILDA. THANK YOU KINDLY.
OF COURSE.
WE DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF THIS, SWEETHEART. WE DON'T WANT TO PROTECT THE REFINERY. BUT WE AIN'T GOT A CHOICE RIGHT NOW.
...AH UNDERSTAND, UNCLE BEAU. AH'LL DO WHAT AH CAN TO HELP Y'ALL.
THANK YOU, SWEETHEART.


THE NEXT MORNING...
'NOTHER DAY, 'NOTHER FIGHT FOR THE REFINERY. ONLY THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT, WON'T IT?
YEAH-YEAH-YEAH. THE FASTER WE WIN THIS, THE FASTER I FIND BUNNIE.
FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT. LOOKS LIKE THE LITTLE TRAITOR'S RIDIN' FRONT SEAT WITH THE LEGION.
WHAT TH--?! THAT'S HER, ALL RIGHT!
CHANGE IN PLANS, JACK. FIRST I RESCUE BUNNIE, *THEN* WE TAKE OVER THE BASE!
AUGH! DAG-NABBIT!
YOU SHO' YOU'RE OKAY WITH FIGHTIN' THE SAND BLASTERS? THEY'RE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AFTER ALL.
NOT ONE AMONG 'EM AH WOULDN'T MIND THUMPIN', UNCLE BEAU.
SURPRISE, UGLY! WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS STICK--!


DON'T YOU TOUCH HIM!
--TOGETHER?
SPLIP
SPLAP
SPULP
EITHER THIS IS ANOTHER DOUBLE-AGENT PLAN,* OR JACK WASN'T KIDDING ABOUT HER TURNING TRAITOR.
EITHER WAY, I'LL PLAY IT UP AND SEE HOW THINGS PAN OUT...
AH'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, SONIC...
...BUT AH AIN'T LETTING THE SAND BLASTERS GET AHOLD OF THIS PLACE!
AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET EGGMAN'S GOONS HOLD ONTO IT! SO BRING IT ON!
*SEE THE TAILS ADVENTURE ARC IN SONIC UNIVERSE VOL. 5 GN!
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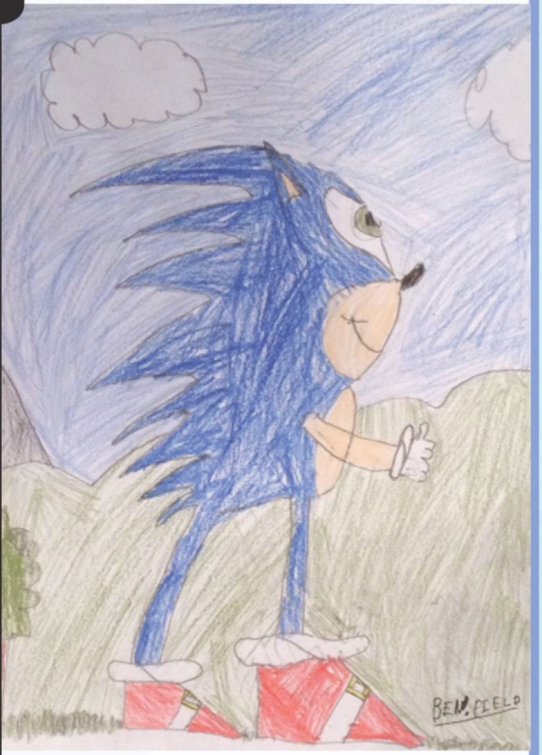

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